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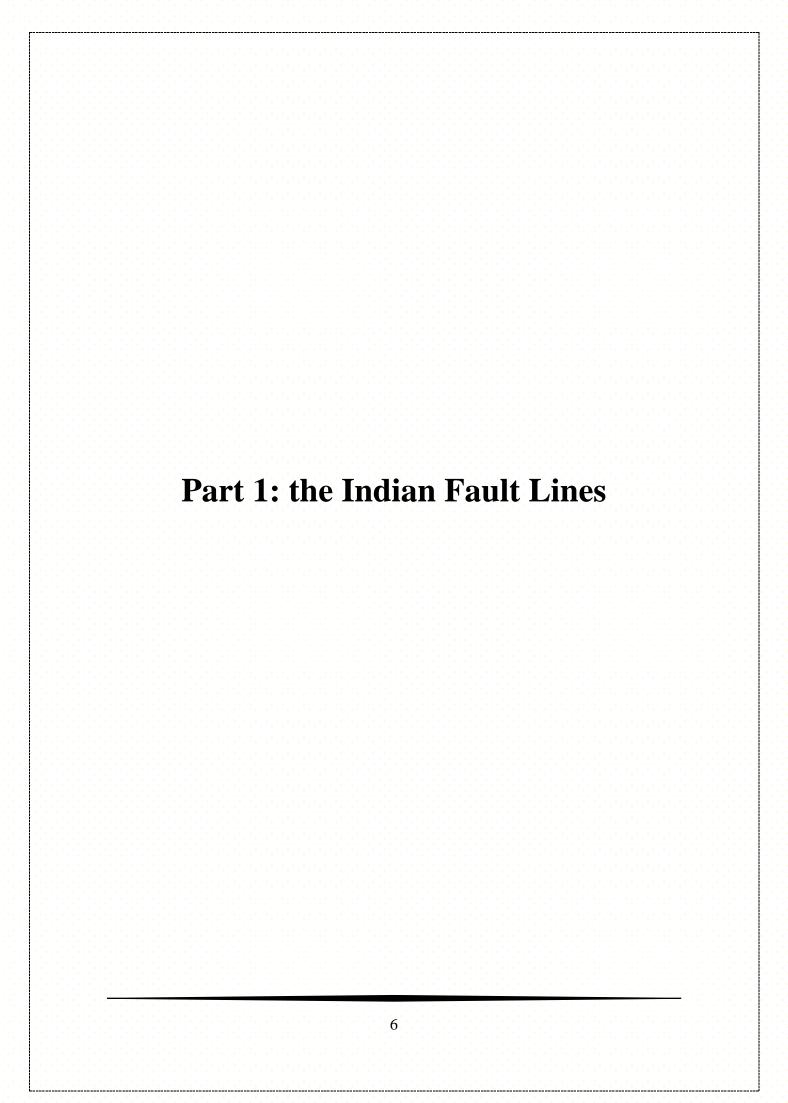
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## Introduction

Seemingly unrelated events started taking place in India in the USA in the recent past. What is common in these events?

- The Statue of Mahatma Gandhi is vandalized in the US and he is labeled as a child rapist, racist, and casteist; the campaign was spearheaded by an organization.
- A three-day conference is held on "Dismantling Hindutva" in September 2021 from the US.
- ➤ US Federal commission United States Commission International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) blacklists India on the pretext of fascism, religious freedom, and oppression of religious minorities.
- An online boycott campaign is launched in the middle-east to boycott Indian products and is further supported by Pakistani troll machinery.
- ➤ In the US, a campaign is launched on 'Caste' by an innocuous organization gaining prominence.
- A Series of seminars and conferences are held by some concerned individuals in the US on 'Rising Fascism' in India.
- A toolkit that was prepared for farmers' protest for some unknown reasons mentioned to dent India's soft image of Tea and Yoga.
- ➤ Organizations that lobbied USCIRF to blacklist India in 2018-20, also lobbied during 2013-14 when there was a different government in India.
- > Several organizations in the name of helping India, raised funds during the COVID-19 crisis and failed to deliver any help, and duped millions of Indians.

All these events seem random and independent of each other. However, all of these are interconnected and intertwined in some places. One major commonality among all these events was that they were carried out by the same set of people. At present all these people are active and operating on different Fault Lines in India.



## **Chapter 1- Indian Fault Lines & parallel organization building**

#### A. Khalistan

The statue of Mahatma Gandhi was vandalized in California by a group of miscreants in January 2021 in a nefarious act against the embodiment of peace. The statue given by the Indian government to the City of Davis in 2016 was installed in a park that fell prey to the anti-India and anti-Gandhi organizations. A similar incident was also reported in Washington DC in December 2020, when a group of miscreants defaced Mahatma Gandhi's statue, which made headlines in both Indian and the US media.

The media reported that the key organization behind these acts in the US was the **Organization for the Minorities of India (OFMI)**. The organization was founded by **Pieter Friedrich**, a self-proclaimed expert on South Asia, and **Bhajan Singh Bhinder** aka Iqbal Choudhary, a pro-Khalistani operative residing in the US.

#### **Bhajan Singh Bhinder and Khalistan**

**Bhajan Singh Bhinder** was a member of Sikh Youth of America (founded in 1989), which was the pro-Khalistani group spearheading the Khalistani activities in the US and Canada. The group was under the radar of the Canadian and the US government on various occasions for their links with the International Sikh Youth Federation based in Canada, in the drug trafficking case.

Bhinder was named in the infamous **Lal Singh vs State of Gujarat case**, wherein he was named as the financer of the planned terrorist attacks in India. **Lal Singh** along with four others Mohammad Sharief (ISI agent), Tahir Jamal, Mohammad Saquib Nachan, and Shoaib Mukhtiyar, all worked with the ISI for a conspiracy called K-2 (Kashmir-Khalistan) in 1991-92, which was hatched in Lahore under the patronage of Amir ul Azeem, the then Secretary of Jamaat—e-Islami, and was actively supported by several Pakistani establishment players including Choudhary Altaf Hussain, eventually the Governor of Punjab (Pakistan) and uncle of the former S&T Minister of Pakistan, Fawad Choudhary.

#### Bhajan Singh Bhinder, Pieter Friedrich, and OFMI

OFMI was registered by Pieter Friedrich in July 2007, when Bhajan Singh Bhinder @ Iqbal Choudhry was listed as a terrorist by the Indian government.

Since its inception in 2007, OFMI's founders opened a surfeit of entities varying from a Transport company (Safety Net Transpo), to a book publishing house (Sovereign Star Publishing). However, OFMI was the focal institution, that has been behind the vandalization/ defacing of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi, a figure symbolic of the legacy of non-violence in India. OFMI adopted alternative methods to dent India's image of non-violence, Yoga, and Chai. The alternate narrative was designed to hit India's image as a democracy and deem it as a 'Fascist state', with degrading democratic values. A group of pseudo-experts was thus created to bolster the alter-narrative.



Pieter Friedrich, who was being promoted into the mainstream as an 'expert' wrote books on 'Fascism in India', against Mahatma Gandhi, and even whitewashed Pakistan's role in the Kabul Gurdwara blast; all of Pieter's literary masterpieces were published under Bhajan Singh Bhinder's publishing house Sovereign Star Publishing. Over the years, Pieter was being established as a South-Asian analyst, while OFMI too started marking its prominence with the motive of "advancing the lives of Christians, Buddhists, Dalits, Muslims, Sikhs, and all Mulnivasi people in South Asia," while also running alternative narratives to dent India's image globally.



India is seen as a rising nation and Chai, Yoga, and Gandhi, are symbolic of the Indian soft power and are considered a gift to the world. Pieter systematically targeted these soft power elements of India through several books that he doled out under different names ranging from Patrick J Nevers to Pieter Friedrich. Other identities included Singh of Judah, Pieter Singh, and Peter Flanigan. The names were used to pick a particular narrative and set attacks on India and carry out anti-Gandhi activities. OFMI has become inactive since February 2021, since our report exposed the Pieter-Bhinder duo.

Before 2014	After 2014
1. A Devout Christian.	Started getting mainstreamed as
2. Led anti - Gandhi protests and	South-Asian Analyst by the name
managed the website Gandhism.net	Pieter Friedrich (from 2019).
using the name Peter Flanigan.  3. Became a Sikh activist and used the	2. Ran Paid campaigns to target
	Indian-origin US politicians (post 2018
name Pieter Singh.	3. Donned the name "Singh of Judah" or
<ol> <li>Wrote two books with Bhajan Singh Bhinder as Patrick J Nevers (2011).</li> </ol>	social media (2015). 4. Wrote two books on Mahatma Gandh
	(2017) as Pieter Friedrich.
Books:	5. Wrote book on Dalits in 2018
The Faces of Terror in India	(Bharat Bandh and the Dalit Struggle
2. Demons Within: The Systematic	Against Dehumanization).
	6. White-washed Pakistan for blast in
	Kabul Gurdwara via his book Kite
	Fights: The Proxy Wars Behind the
	Kabul Gurdwara Massacre.
	7. Started peddling "Fascism in India"
	narrative and wrote book on Fascism
	Saffron Fascists: India's Hindu
E.	Nationalist Rulers.



Interestingly, OFMI was also a part of an alliance in tandem with Indian American Muslim Council, and Hindus for Human Rights (HfHR)- which will be discussed later also allied in 2019 and named Alliance for Justice and Accountability (AJA), which describes itself as "a broad coalition of Indian American organizations". These organizations via AJA staged a protest in Houston during the Howdy Modi event in September 2019. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://iamc.com/aja-indian-americans-announce-protest-against-modis-houston-visit/

#### Khalistani narrative in India's internal issues

The farmers' protest in India had become an opportunity for the Pak-backed Pro-Khalistani groups to infiltrate and promote their agenda. The Khalistani propaganda was first seeded by the Khalistani group **Sikhs for Justice** (**SFJ**), and its founder **Gurpatwant Singh Pannun**, a known ISI stooge. The Khalistani propaganda was further boosted by the Pak IT cells and influencers.

Further unrest was created when a "toolkit" was unleashed on India by the Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg during the protest. The toolkit was well-connected to a Khalistani group **Poetic Justice Foundation (PJF)**, which was behind the curation of that "toolkit". **Mo Dhaliwal**, the founder of PFJ is a staunch Khalistani supporter living in Canada. The toolkit mentioned engaging global celebrities to tweet on the farmers' protest and malign the "Disrupt the "Yoga & Chai image of India in general".

POETIC JUSTICE FORMATION	Hashtags: #StandwithFarmers #AskIndiaWhy #FarmersProtest	
Objectives	Date/Time: 23rd January / Saturday - 11:30am UTC / 5 pm IST (onwards) (if not possible, please join in on 26th January / Tuesday - 11:30am UTC onwards)	
Repeal of Farm Bills	New dates - 4th and 5th February, 2021 (11 am to 2 pm UTC)	
Expose fascist responses to dissent	Who to tag? @PMOIndia (the PM), @nstomar (Minister of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare), @rahulgandhi, @shashitharoor, @derekobrienMP (Parliament Members in	
<ul> <li>Expose corruption of big business, media in India</li> </ul>	Opposition), @TimesTrolley @bdutt, @fayedsouza, @zoo_bear (journalists) and/or your own heads of state, local representatives & news agencies; @ExtinctionR.	
<ul> <li>Disrupt "yoga &amp; chai" image of India in general</li> </ul>	@XRebellionInd.	
<ul> <li>Educate Punjabi/South Asian communities on issues</li> </ul>	Some others: @IMFNews, @WorldBank, @WTO, @UNDP, @UNFAO Who to follow? @TimesTrolley (Farmers' Newsweekly from Delhi's border), @Altnews	
Unified global disruption in the Diaspora on Jan 26th	@FriedrichPieter (activist researching fascism), @SaketGokhale (political activist), @PARInetwork (People's Archive of Rural India) and @MahilaKisan (Women Farm @newslaundry, @thewire_in, @scroll_in.	

#### B. Religious Freedom

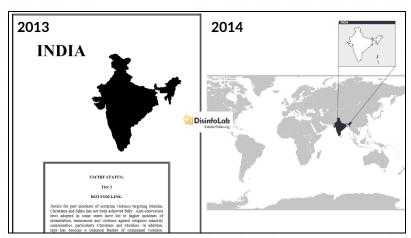
India is a secular nation with the integration of diverse cultures and religions. It is one of the few countries in the world which truly guarantees constitutional safeguards on practice of faith to its citizens. Like every other democratic country in the world of this size, India too has its set of internal demographic imbalances and issues related to religion. Largely manifested during the British rule owing to the Divide and Rule policy of the British imperialist rulers, the country went through a bitter division on religious grounds in 1947. However, it is also one of the few countries in the world which truly guarantees constitutional safeguards on practice of faith to its citizens. Time and again adversaries inimical to the interest of India have targeted it on the grounds of these imbalances. The USCIRF particularly stands out amongst them.

India was listed as a Country of Particular Concern (CPC) in the religious freedom reports of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), in 2020 & 2021. However, the US State Department rejected USCIRF's recommendation to enlist India as CPC.

There were massive efforts mobilized to get India getting listed as CPC by the USCIRF for two consecutive years- that included planned lobbying by the US-based Islamist groups. The group comprised of the US-wing of Jamaat, Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA), and Burma Task Force (BTF), a project of Justice For All (JFA) and powered by Sound Vision- all having links to Pakistani Jamaat-e-Islami and global terror groups - Lashkar-e-Taiba & Hizbul Mujahideen, (will be elaborated subsequently).

The first signs of aggressive lobbying against India can be traced back to 2013-14 when IAMC hired a professional lobbying firm **Fidelis Government Relations** (**FGR**) for USD 40K to lobby the USCIRF. Lobbying efforts had mainly two outcomes:

- C. Starting in 2014, USCIRF in its annual reports started using a distorted map of India.
- D. USCIRF started enlisting India as a "Country of Particular Concern" in its annual reports.



The network seemed to have managed to influence USCIRF chair Nadine Maenza and commissioner Anurima Bhargava, and former USCIRF Policy analyst Harrisson Akins via lobbying efforts. Nadine and Anurima attended several webinars hosted by one key

organization - Justice for All (JFA), an umbrella organization powered by the multimedia wing of Jamaat in the US, Sound Vision.



All three USCIRF officials came from interesting backgrounds. Harrison Akins was mentored by the former Pakistani High Commissioner to the UK and diplomat Akbar Ahmad, who served as the civil servant for Pakistan and was posted as Deputy Secretary in Bangladesh during the 1971 liberation war that witnessed mass genocide in East Pakistan (now Bangladesh). <sup>2</sup>

Anurima Bhargava, who is now the Commissioner at USCIRF is a former member of the Open Society Foundation, while Nadine Maenza, who is currently the chair of USCIRF had a history of associations with organizations extending from Patriot Voices (lobbying group) and Hardwired Global (an NGO). Interestingly, Shaik Ubaid's colleague Angana Chatterji, along with whom he co-founded Coalition Against Genocide (CAG), is one of the advisory board members with Nadine at Hardwired Global.

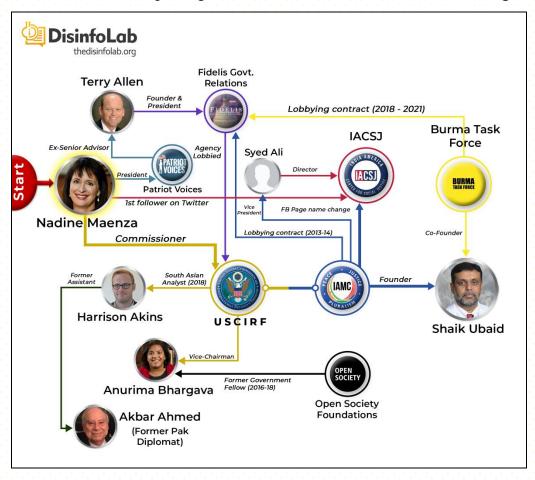
## **Continual lobbying against India**

There has been a continual lobbying against India particularly on the grounds of religious freedom by influencing the USCIRF. The second lobbying effort took place in 2018-20 through an organization called **Burma Task Force (BTF)**, founded by Shaik Ubaid and a 1971 Bangladeshi war criminal Ashraffuzaman Khan. An amount of USD 267K was spent, and as a result, USCIRF listed India under CPC in consecutive years in 2020 and 2021.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.american.edu/uploads/docs/akbarsahmedcvjanuary2018.pdf

The efforts by the Jamaat front in the US, ICNA, and JFA succeeded in labeling India as an intolerant nation and placing it under the CPC to affect India's soft image.



#### C. Casteline, Moolnivasi

The caste Faultline in India dates back to its 5000-year-old civilizational history. It is one of the most sensitive Indian fault lines and is widely pursued by organizations from the USA for the past few years.

One key organization that operates on the Caste Faultline in the US is **Equality Labs**, which was formed in 2016 as an *Ambedkarite* South Asian power-building organization in the US with the motive to combat 'Caste Discrimination'. Equality Labs was founded by **Thenmozhi Soundararajan**, a Dalit techie, artist, and activist born and brought up in the US. While the organization claims to be progressive and aims to combat caste discrimination, it also strives hard to succinctly paint India as a nation with an endemic caste problem and widespread oppression, a colonial-era narrative widely purported by the British to justify their imposition of Western value systems.

Another co-founder of Equality Labs is **Sharmin Hossain**, a Bangladeshi American, who served as the Political Director before rendering her resignation in March 2021. <sup>3</sup> In April 2021, she founded a new organization Queer Crescent, which is described as a political home for LGBTQI+ Muslims. <sup>4</sup>

In 2018, Equality Labs published a caste report in the US with the assistance of several organizations such as IAMC, OFMI, and Alliance for Justice and Accountability (AJA)- a coalition of Dalit organizations alongside IAMC, OFMI, and Hindus for Human Rights (HfHR). <sup>5</sup>

**Note:** The names of both OFMI and Bhajan Singh Bhinder have been removed after our report "THE UNENDING WAR PART 1" in 2021 that exposed the fake expert Pieter Friedrich and Khalistani ISI operative Bhajan Singh Bhinder alias Iqbal Choudhry. <sup>6</sup>

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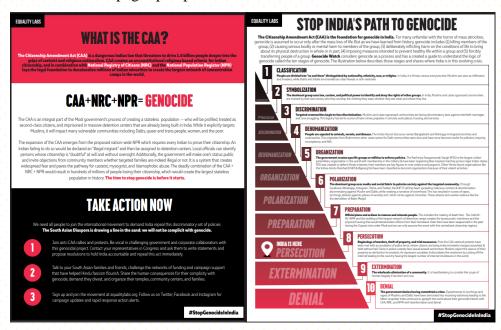
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In July 2020, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing and two Indian origin employees in the USA filed a lawsuit against IT firm Cisco Systems Inc. on the grounds of caste discrimination against one of its Indian-American employees. <sup>7</sup> The suit alleged that a Dalit employee at the IT company (referred to as John Doe) was discriminated against by two of his fellow Indian origin colleagues, Sundar Iyer and Ramana Kompella beginning in November 2016. The lawsuit also referred to the 2018 caste report of Equality Labs. <sup>8</sup> Soon after the lawsuit, Equality Labs and its founder **Thenmozhi Soundararajan** further raked up the issue by appearing on various media platforms. <sup>9</sup> 10

Apart from working on the caste line, Equality Labs takes deep interest in the internal matters of India and works on different trajectories which coincidentally also happen to be the fault lines in India. Equality Labs became active during the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) protests which were happening in India. During that time, Equality Labs collated CAA, National Register of Citizens (NRC), and National Population Register (NPR) with Genocide in India and released a one-pager pamphlet on that.



It also released a toolkit titled "organizing against Hindu Fascism" to organize protests and run online campaigns against the Indian establishment. The toolkit gave sample tweets as

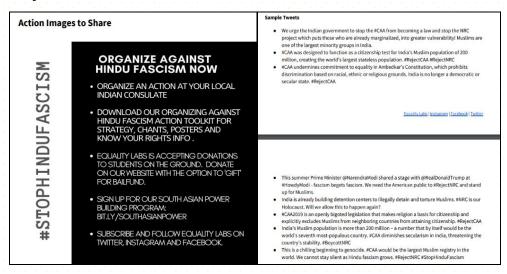
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<sup>9</sup> https://www.facebook.com/page/1941849019379185/search/?g=cisco

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>https://indianexpress.com/audio/the-sandip-roy-show/the-cisco-case-and-how-indians-took-casteism-to-the-us-with-thenmozhi-soundararajan/6523929/

well as creativity to run the campaigns and also hold protests. The password to access the toolkit is "rejectcaa". 11



The toolkit also calls for supporting various news platforms and advocacy groups such as AltNews, Internet Freedom Foundation, and The Software Freedom Law Centre - SFLC. <sup>12</sup>

Another key entity in the US promoting the Moolnivasi narrative was **OFMI**, which was founded by Pieter Friedrich, a self-proclaimed expert on South Asia, and ally of Khalistani terrorist Bhajan Singh Bhinder. OFMI was jointly run by Bhajan Singh Bhinder and his employee Pieter Friedrich, who once worked with the ISI to send weapons to India for terror attacks in the 1990s. <sup>13</sup>



In India, a Hyderabad-based doctor and politician **Manisha Bangar**, has been the Vice President of The All India Backward and Minority Communities Employees Federation (BAMCEF). She founded the political party Peoples Party of India (PPI) and contested the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>https://web.archive.org/web/20200630194230/https://static1.squarespace.com/static/58347d04bebafbb1e66df8 4c/t/5dfd7638b02a616945e370ec/1576891960865/Organizing+Against+Hindu+Fascism+Toolkit.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> https://github.com/krishraghav/caaprotests-global/blob/master/README.md

<sup>13</sup> https://indiankanoon.org/doc/1072924/

2019 Lok Sabha elections from Nagpur. <sup>14</sup> <sup>15</sup> Bangar is the key figure in undertaking the caste fault-line of India in the US and Canada. She does that in collaboration with Bhajan Singh Bhinder and Pieter Friedrich, and their organization OFMI, which she was a member of before it became defunct in February 2021.

On **November 14, 2017,** Equality Labs founder Thenmozhi Soundarajan and Pieter Friedrich staged a protest at the California Department of Education against changing the subject of the caste system in India from California History and Social Sciences Curriculum. <sup>16</sup>



These organizations operate from the US and work with shady Islamist fronts, one of which is **Sound Vision** and its umbrella advocacy group **Justice For All (JFA).** <sup>17</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> https://myneta.info/loksabha2019/candidate.php?candidate\_id=6991

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>https://www.cair.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Muslim-Community-Letter-to-DOJ-January-31-2022.pdf

#### D. Islamophobia

Over the last few years, the narrative of "Islamophobia" in India has been mainstreamed in the western world. One such demonstration was a campaign that was launched in 2019 #IslamophobiaInIndia where-in the Pakistani info-war machinery had impersonated scores of prominent Arabic royal families, including women, and created fake handles in their names to run the coordinated hashtag campaign. Although the campaign was later exposed as fake by many fact-checkers, it still didn't manage to change the perception of Islamophobia in India. <sup>18</sup>

One such example is the insurgency in the northeast of India, in Tripura and Assam where violence erupted on communal grounds. In 2021, when the Assam government ordered the eviction of the illegal immigrants living in the state, violence erupted between the Assam Police and the protestors against the decision by the state government. <sup>19</sup> Subsequently, two boycott hashtags' campaigns (#IndiaIsKillingMuslims & #BoycottIndiansProducts) were run in an orchestrated manner trended in the Arab world by the Muslim Brotherhood & Pakistan troll machinery in October 2021, in response to the Assam violence, hence portraying that Islamophobia persists in India.

Another violence that took in Tripura in October-November 2021, saw a plethora of fake news and videos circulating on social media to depict Islamophobia in India. A few days later, Tripura police booked 102 social media handles including **Indian American Muslim Council (IAMC)** under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) for spreading fake news and instigating communal disharmony. <sup>20</sup>

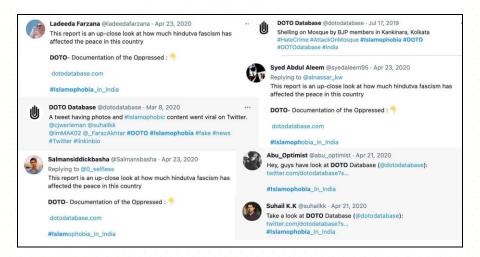
To monitor "Islamophobia" in India, a database, **The Documentation of the Oppressed** (**DOTO**) was established in 2017 to collect data on the oppression and violence against the Indian minorities. However, it turned out that DOTO was producing flawed and fabricated news and data. Despite having flaws and fabrications in its data, DOTO Database was endorsed by various organizations in the US such as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and Indian American Council for Social Justice (IACSJ), a front created by the IAMC as a go-to advocacy group for the "rights of the Indian minorities," which later became dysfunctional following its expose by the Disinfolab. <sup>21</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup>https://thedisinfolab.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/MUSLIM-BROTHERHOOD-ARRIVES-IN-INDIA-DISINFO-LAB.pdf#page=6

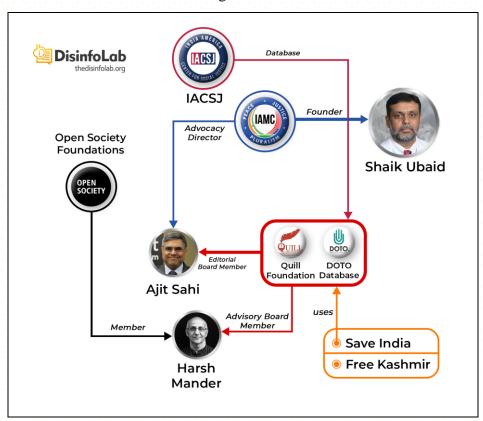
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup>https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/tripura-police-book-102-social-media-accounts-under-uapa-after-violence-101636223313873.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup>https://thedisinfolab.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/USCIRF-An-Organization-Of-Particular-Concern.pdf#page=41



Another entity in the US was also using the fabricated DOTO Database to portray "Islamophobia" in India which is **Justice for All (JFA)**. JFA via one of its projects *Save India* (which claims to Save India from communalism and Fascism) refers to the DOTO Database and its inflated number of cases against the Indian minorities.



#### E. Kashmir

The Kashmir conflict has been one of the biggest Fault Lines in India and the most exploited by Pakistan since its independence in 1947. Over the decades, the Kashmir conflict has become a trans-generational family business, run by a set of families, all residing outside India. Several ISI-linked organizations in the US and UK, handed over as legacy by the founders, are now managed by their progenies.

In the UK, the Kashmir secession movement was pursued by Muhammad Ayyub Thakur, who ran three organizations in the UK during the 1990s and early 2000s, **World Kashmir Freedom Movement (WKFM)**, **Mercy Universal**, and **The Justice Foundation**. He used one of his organizations', Mercy Universal to channel funds from the ISI to radical separatists like Asiya Andrabi, who has been convicted for supporting militant activities and is presently serving a jail term.

In the US, the key person to run the pro-Pak and anti-India agenda on Kashmir was **Syed Ghulam Nabi Fai**, who has been active since the 1990s. He formed **Kashmiri American Council (KAC)**, for lobbying and influencing US politicians on the Kashmir issue. He was and to date remains associated with another organization in the US, the **World Kashmir Awareness Forum (WKAF)**, which was founded in 2005 by **Ghulam Nabi Mir**, the founding chairman of the Muslim Brotherhood front ISNA.

In 2011, Fai was implicated by the FBI for receiving funds from the ISI and arrested for two years after pleading guilty. After he was released in November 2013, several organizations started mushrooming in the US targeting India on Kashmir. The organizations were mainly run by the second generation i.e., by the children of the founding members of KAC. Organizations such as **Justice for Kashmir**, the American for Kashmir Foundation, and Stand with Kashmir (SWK) were formed between 2016-and 19.

**Stand with Kashmir (SWK)** was formed on October 9, 2019, by Aejaz Dar, S/o Muhammad Akram Dar, who was part of Ghulam Nabi Fai's KAC. Key people associated with SWK are **Hafsa Kanjwal, Sameera Fazili, Ather Zia (Expert), Sehla Ashai (Treasurer), Suemyra Shah (secretary),** and **Huma Dar (Expert)**. Both Hafsa and Sameera Fazili are cousins. In June 2021, Sameera was appointed as the senior policy advisor on the White House's National Economic Council and as a senior advisor at the US Treasury Department in both Domestic Finance and International Affairs by the US President. <sup>22</sup> While Hafsa was groomed by Ghulam Nabi Fai and Pakistan's embassy in the US during her childhood. Other members of SWK actively promote the separatist movement in Kashmir. While Huma Dar can also be seen associated with the pro-Khalistani movement.

**Americans for Kashmir Foundation (AKF)** was also founded by Aejaz Dar, on September 10, 2019, with the claims "to promote human rights, democratic representation, and true freedom for the people of Jammu & Kashmir". People associated with AKF are Zaki Barzinji, Nouf Bazaz, Sahal Kango, Zaid Ashai, and Sameera Fazili.

Another key organization in the US-backed directly by Pakistan is **Friends of Kashmir** (FoK), founded by **Ghazala Habib Khan**. FoK is a Pak-backed and US-based organization

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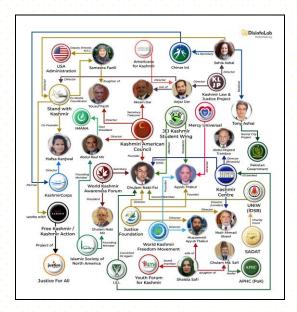
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that strives on efforts for severance of Kashmir from India. In its objective, FoK claims to "impart awareness worldwide regarding Kashmir Issue, Kashmir status, and Kashmiris' genocide at the hands of Indian Forces in the 'Occupied Kashmir'". Ghazala Habib is one of the key proponents in leading the Kashmir issue in the US on behalf of Pakistan. She works in close association with the Pakistan government and Hurriyat leaders in J&K. FoK has organized protests and events in association with the Pakistani embassy and other separatist organizations over the Kashmir conflict. FoK has offices in Islamabad and Lahore and its Director, Ghazala Habib is a Pakistani national, who works with ISI-backed Khalistani separatist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun to pursue anti-India and pro-Pak activities. Ghazala and Gurpatwant Singh Pannun share an organization named Kashmir Khalistan Referendum Front (KKRF) in the US.



However, another front active on the Kashmir line is "Free Kashmir" which is managed by the umbrella advocacy group Justice For All (JFA). Incidentally, Ghulam Nabi Fai's quest on the Kashmir agenda also led to JFA, which he used to write for in the early 2000s and appears on behalf of, as an "expert" on the Kashmir conflict. In its part, Free Kashmir endorsed the US Congress hearing on Kashmir which took place on November 14, 2019. Apart from the US Congress members, other attendants included USCIRF Commissioner

Anurima Bhargava, Anthropologist Haley Duschinski, and Stand with Kashmir treasurer Sehla Ashai.



Free Kashmir is one of the many projects run by Justice For All (JFA) under its behest. <sup>23</sup> Besides, the Kashmir narrative is pulled by some of the domestic enablers, such as Nitasha Kaul, who is a novelist, writer, poet, and human rights activist, who studied at Delhi University. Kaul has been vocal about the 'Indian occupation of Kashmir' is frequently seen on the Stand with Kashmir, and her network includes Mona Bhan, Deepti Misri, Ather Zia, Huma Dar, Suchitra Vijayan, Hena Zuberi (from JFA), and Hafsa Kanjwal.

Most recently, she attended an event subjected "The Politics of Fear and the Violence of Hindu Nationalism" which was jointly hosted by IAMC, HfHR, and other organizations. <sup>24</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> https://www.facebook.com/JusticeForAllOrg/posts/2673783389327087

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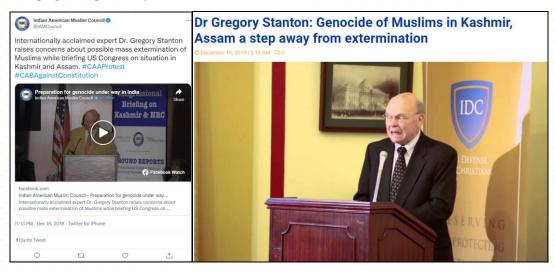
#### F. Hindutva, Fascism

In 2019, Indian American Muslim Council (IAMC) started working with a relatively new organization **Hindus for Human Rights** (**HfHR** formed in 2019. The purpose behind the creation of HfHR was to create a new narrative of "Hindu vs Hindutva" under the pretext of India. Incorporated on October 3, 2019, Hindus for Human Rights (HfHR) is a non-profit registered organization in Brooklyn, United States. <sup>[25]</sup> The organization was co-founded by Sunita Vishwanath and Raju Rajagopal. As per its official website, HfHR claims to "advocate for pluralism, civil and human rights in South Asia and North America". <sup>[26]</sup>

HfHR has been one of the most active organizations in the USA ever since its formation in October 2019. HfHR often engages with the JeI-linked organizations including ICNA, JFA, IAMC, and CAIR (with alleged Muslim Brotherhood links), which leads the fight against India over the disputed Kashmir issue. [27]

On December 12, 2019, IAMC organized a Congressional Briefing event criticizing the Indian government for revocation of Article 370 in Kashmir. The event was co-sponsored by two other organizations including HfHR. <sup>28 29</sup> HfHR along with several organizations was one of the signing supporters of Stand with Kashmir (SWK), a front formed to propagate the agenda of secession of Kashmir from India. <sup>30</sup>

(Refer to page chapter 8 of THE UNENDING WAR PART III)



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> https://corponline.dcra.dc.gov/BizEntity.aspx/ViewEntityData?entityId=4250725

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> https://www.hindusforhumanrights.org/en/our-vision

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> https://www.icna.org/social-justice/icna-csj-helps-coordinate-massive-rally-at-un/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> https://en.shafaqna.com/126803/dr-gregory-stanton-genocide-of-muslims-in-kashmir-assam-a-step-away/

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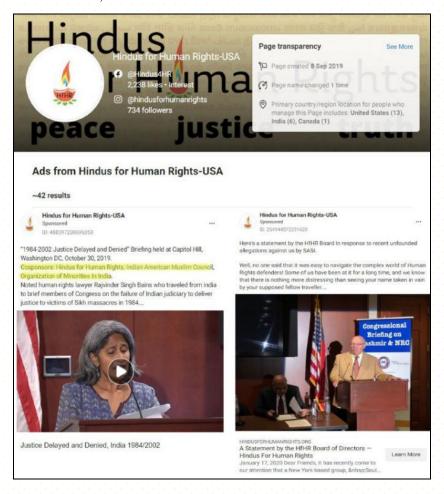
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#### Image building of HfHR through OFMI

HfHR since its early days of formation had already started engaging with Bhajan Singh Bhinder & Pieter Friedrich's Organization for Minorities of India (OFMI), which has been abandoned following Disinfolab's report exposing them in February 2021.

HfHR, along with OFMI and IAMC co-sponsored a briefing "1984-2002 Justice Delayed and Denied" held at Capitol Hill, Washington DC, on October 30, 2019. The speakers at the briefing were Human Rights Lawyer Rajvinder Singh Bains, Sukhman Dhami of Ensaaf, Jennifer Presthokdt of The Advocates for Human Rights, and Sunita Viswanath of HfHR.

On its Facebook page, HfHR has run 40+ FB advertisements, out of which, two ads are of the events which HfHR co-sponsored in association with the OFMI. HfHR ran Ads on FB for that between November 1-5, 2019.



At present OFMI has become inoperative after the release of our report "THE UN-ENDING WAR Part 1" in February 2021. The Twitter handle of OFMI has seemingly become inactive and appears once in a blue moon only to retweet the tweets of Shaik Ubaid, IAMC, Audrey Truschke, CJ Werleman, and its good old founder Pieter Friedrich.

#### Staunch defenders of 2018 Bhima Koregaon violence convicts

HfHR was one of the key organizations that came in the defense of the 2018 Bhima Koregaon convicts. HfHR and Global Indian Progressive Alliance were among the 5500+ signatories (organizations/ individuals) who protested the arrest of Dr. Anand Teltumbde and Gautam Navlakha convicted in the 2018 Bhima Koregaon case. [31]

Signatories include eminent public figures such as Noam Chomsky, Gayatri Spivak, Sukhadeo Thorat, Cornel West, Angela Davis, Rajmohan Gandhi, Arundhati Roy, T.M. Krishna, Kshama Sawant, Ramachandra Guha, Prakash Ambedkar, Anand Patwardhan, Robin D.G. Kelley, Justice Kolse-Patil, Partha Chatterjee, Arjun Appadurai, Akeel Bilgrami, Jean Dreze, Rajeshwari Sunder Rajan, Justice P.B. Sawant, Chandra Talpade Mohanty, Surinder Jodhka, V. Geetha, Manoranjan Mohanty, Dileep Menon, Aparna Sen, Zoya Hasan, Shabnam Hashmi, Sudipta Kaviraj, Ania Loomba, Suvir Kaul, Bruce Robbins, Nandini Sundar, Narendra Subramanian, Susie Tharu, John Dayal, Ram Puniyani, S. Anandhi, Alf Gunvald Nilsen, Shamshul Islam, Subir Sinha, Geeta Kapur, Priyamyada Gopal, Aakash Rathore, Ritty Lukose, Christophe Jaffrelot, Pratap Bhanu Mehta, Aijaz Ahmad, David Mosse, Barbara Harriss-White, Sushruth Jadhav, Prabhat Patnaik, Utsa Patnaik, Neera Chandoke, Karin Kapadia, S.V. Rajadurai, Sankalp Meshram, Jairus Banaji, Swapan Chakravorty, Uma Chakravarti, Anand Chakravarti, Anil Sadgopal, Amit Bhaduri, Vinay Lal, Amit Chaudhury, Achin Vanaik, Jan Myrdal, Nandita Haksar, Niraja Jayal, Anjali Arondekar, Shailaja Paik, Meena Dhanda, Sudesh Ghoderao, Lawrence Simon, Gary Tartakov, Bill Fletcher, Joseph Tharamangalam, Christopher Queen, Sujata Patel, Nancy Holmstrom, Dilip Simeon, M.A. Baby, Roger Jeffrey, Kumkum Roy, Pritam Singh, G.N. Devy, Feroze Mithiborwala, Cedric Prakash, Sangayya Hiremath, K. Stalin, Cynthia Mckinney, John Harriss, Anil Sadgopal, Sudesh Ghoderao, Narendra Nayak and others including organizations (see below).

Both Navalakha and Teltumbde were accused of inciting violence and conspiring against the Indian government and being involved in a Maoist plot to assassinate the Indian Prime Minister. [32] They were also charged with the Unlawful Prevention Act (UAPA), along with other convicts in the case for having links with the extreme left Maoist rebels. [33]

**Note:** Gautam Navalakha and Angana Chatterji were some of the regular attendees of Ghulam Nabi Fai's conferences in the US. Their names were in the list of Indians prepared by the ISI handler and shared by Brig Javed Aziz Khan with Fai. Moreover, Navalakha demanded evidence against Fai, despite the investigation from the FBI proving the latter guilty of receiving funds from the ISI for pursuing the Kashmir agenda in the US. <sup>34</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup>https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/varavara-rao-gautam-navlakha-sudha-bhardwaj-arrested-1325320-2018-08-28

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup>https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/elgar-case-activist-teltumbde-arrested/articleshow/75148112.cms?from=mdr

<sup>34</sup> https://groups.google.com/g/alt.education/c/ZAcp7c96-bY

Milind Teltumbde, a top Maoist leader and member of the banned CPI (Maoist) organization was recently killed in an encounter by the Indian security forces on November 14, 2021. [35] Milind was the younger brother of Anand Teltumbde and headed the Maharashtra-Madhya Pradesh-Chhattisgarh zone of the banned CPI (Maoist).



HfHR further promoted the solidarity campaign twice on Facebook on March 24-25 and April 14-15 in 2020 respectively and targeted several Indian states as geo locations of interest.

#### HfHR and its network of associations

HfHR is also a part of AJA (Alliance for Justice and Accountability), an umbrella coalition of several organizations across the United States. HfHR, IAMC, and OFMI are some of the major groups under AJA. AJA was one of the leading fronts to have protested during the Indian Prime Minister's visit to Houston on September 22, 2019. IAMC, HfHR, and Pieter Friedrich participated in the protest. Some participants also wore merchandised t-shirts of #FreeKashmir which is actively promoted by the Jamaat-linked organizations and Pakistan at the same time. <sup>36</sup>

<sup>35</sup>https://indianexpress.com/article/india/naxals-killed-cops-injured-encounter-maharashtras-gadchiroli-7621407/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup>https://iamc.com/aja-indian-americans-announce-protest-against-modis-houston-visit/



Moreover, HfHR, AJA, and Equality Labs (which has been instanced in the UNENDING WAR Part 1 report for its association with Bhinder and OFMI) have worked together for a common agenda. They were one of the foreign forces to have propelled social media campaigns against the Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) and the National Register of Citizens (NRC). [37]

#### Founders of HfHR:

#### a. Raju Rajagopal

Raju Rajagopal, is the co-founder of HfHR. Previously he was the founder of EKTA and Coalition against Communalism (CAC). EKTA and CAC were partners of CAG (Coalition Against Genocide) which was founded by Angana Chatterji and Shaik Ubaid. IAMC, which was founded as IMC-USA by Shaik Ubaid was also part of CAG. EKTA and CAC were largely inactive digitally for many years as can be seen from archives of their websites however, their paper-based identities were used to lend support to campaigns and coalitions like the CAG.

**Déjà vu:** HFHR is a classic example of how the IAMC and its partners create groups that sound and look independent but are not. We saw a similar strategy in Pieter Friedrich's case, where Pieter used two separate identities to promote an event arranged by his original identity on the premises of Stanford University.

Websites for CAC and EKTA have a similar DNS names, like <a href="https://www.cac.ektaonline.org">www.cac.ektaonline.org</a> which leads to the CAC website, and <a href="https://www.ektaonline.org">www.ektaonline.org</a> which leads to the EKTA website. This shows that both these websites are managed together.

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Rajagopal was also a speaker at the 2003 IAMC event and is listed as the president of CAC in the press release. The press release has now been removed from IAMC's official website. [38] However, the same can be accessed in the blog section of their website. [39]

### b. Sunita Viswanath

Sunita Vishwanath (*aka* Sunita Mehta) is the co-founder of Hindus for Human Rights (HfHR). She got married to the award-winning Author Suketu Mehta, the author of "*Maximum City: Bombay Lost and Found*". She got divorced after having two sons. She later got married to a Jewish man Stephan Shaw, a member of the Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP), which works with the pro-Muslim Brotherhood organization Americans for Palestine (AMP). She currently lives in Brooklyn with her husband Stephan and three sons. <sup>40</sup>

She co-founded Women for Afghan Women (WAW) on January 24, 2002. WAW describes itself as "a grassroots civil society organization dedicated to protecting and promoting the rights of disenfranchised Afghan women and girls in Afghanistan and New York" [41] For fulfilling its operations, the organization gets funding from several groups including The Ford Foundation and Open Society Institute. <sup>42</sup> Moreover, she is the Associate Director and Religious Life Advisor at Columbia University and held the position of ex-Associate Director at Soros Reproductive Health fellowship. <sup>43</sup>

She co-founded **Sadhna: Coalition of Progressive Hindus**, in 2011 "a grassroots tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization of the U.S.-based Hindus who are committed to the heart of Hinduism," <sup>44</sup> She is currently serving as the Executive Director of Sadhna. <sup>45</sup>

42 https://womenforafghanwomen.org/funding-partners/

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<sup>38</sup>https://iamc.com/press-release/imc-usa\_to\_hold\_first\_ever\_convention\_of\_its\_kind\_on\_india-related\_issues

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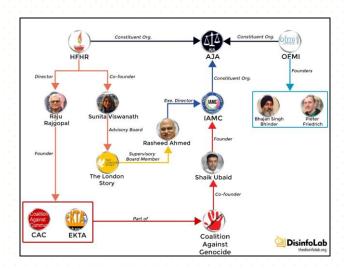
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<sup>43</sup> https://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php/Sunita B. Mehta

<sup>44</sup> https://www.sadhana.org/mission-vision-values

<sup>45</sup> https://www.sadhana.org/executive-board

Sunita is also associated with a relatively new organization formed in the Netherlands, Foundation The London Story. She is currently on the board of advisors of the organization. The organization was registered as Stitching The London Story on March 26, 2020. 46 As per its website, The Foundation London Story focuses on "misinformation," disinformation, hate speech, and online propaganda that leads to violation of core human rights to life, liberty and health around the world". 47



Another key member on the board of Foundation London Story is Rasheed Ahmed, the executive director of IAMC since 2010-11. 48 49 previously served as the Executive director of the Islamic Medical Association of North America (IMANA) between November 2008 to October 2017.

#### Note:

IMANA had siphoned off millions of dollars in the name of helping India during the Covid in 2021 via launching its campaign #HelpIndiaBreath on various social media and fundraising platforms. IMANA kept on revising its fund-raiser targets as it was getting met. As a result, IMANA managed to raise millions of funds on the goodwill of India. It received funds from all over the world, including from countries where India had sent Covid vaccines. At the same time, the neither media asked for nor the organization itself showed transparency on how it was spending those funds.

Most recently, Foundation London Story, along with HfHR, IAMC, JFA, and other organizations had jointly co-sponsored an event "India on Brink", a three-day event that took place from Feb 26-28, 2022, to draw attention to the notion that India is on the verge of

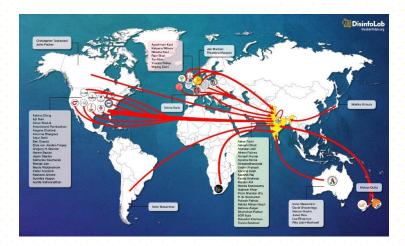
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<sup>47</sup> https://thelondonstory.org/about-us/

<sup>48</sup> https://twocircles.net/2010dec16/imcusa\_now\_indian\_american\_muslim\_council\_iamc.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup>https://web.archive.org/web/20201028134057/https://www.iamc.com/iamc-announces-new-executive-team/

Genocide. The speakers associated with the event were part of the intricate network of Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI), Pak, MB, & terror groups. Not only does HfHR's cofounder Raju Rajagopal appears on the platform of Justice for All, but HfHR also works with JFA.



In its close association with the JeI-linked organizations, HfHR co-founder Raju Rajagopal interacted with Hena Zuberi, Director of JFA on September 15, 2020. In a 53 mins & 29 secs interaction, they discussed the Delhi riots and the CAA violence. <sup>50</sup> The video of the interview was available on HfHR's website but was later removed. It can now be accessed on the YouTube channel of Muslim TV (owned by Sound Vision) and JFA.



Raju Rajagopal on platform of JFA

In addition, JFA also runs parallel narratives such as the impending genocide of Indian Muslims, 'Rising Fascism & Hindutva', and 'Hindu vs Hindutva' in India. Several individuals and organizations, from Pieter Friedrich, IAMC, Shaik Ubaid, ICNA, historian Audrey Truschke, etc., peddle the same narratives. For instance, events such as 'Dismantling Global Hindutva' were held In September 2021, cosponsored by 50 US universities, including Stanford, Harvard, Princeton, New York University, Cornell, and North-western University.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> https://www.youtube.com/results?search\_query=Justice+for+all%3A+India+Delhi+pogram



The three-day online event was convened by Audrey Truschke, Suchitra Vijayan, Dr. Meena Kandasamy, and Meena Dhanda, and duly promoted by the organizations including IAMC, HfHR, Pieter Friedrich, and many Pakistani handles as well. <sup>51</sup>

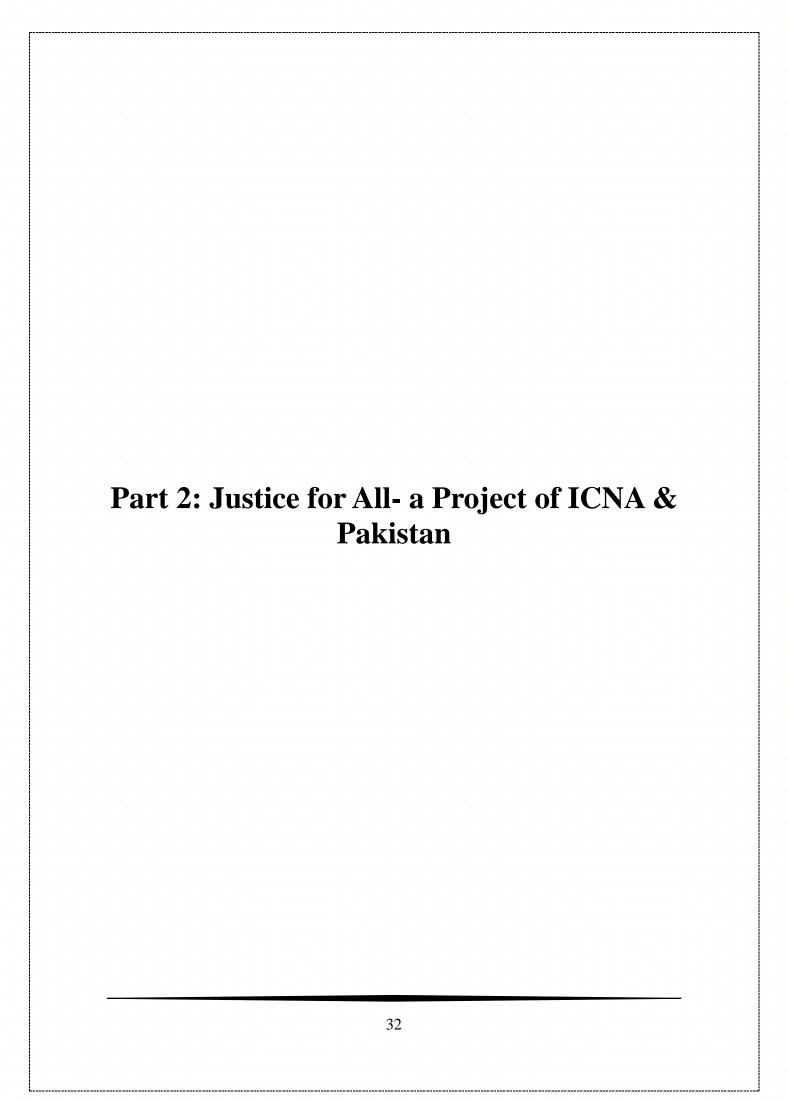
#### Note:

As per the National History Center, the "Congressional Briefings program aims to provide members of Congress and their staff with the historical background needed to understand the context of current legislative concerns. It does so by bringing leading historians to Capitol Hill to provide non-partisan briefings on past events and policies that shape the issues facing Congress today". <sup>52</sup>

However, these organizations use the term 'Congressional Briefings' to sound more legitimate as the guests at their events are mostly their people and sometimes only a couple of US politicians.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> https://dfrac.org/en/2021/10/20/dismantling-global-hindutva-revealing-its-networks/

<sup>52</sup> https://nationalhistorycenter.org/about/program-descriptions/congressional-briefings/



## **Chapter 2- Justice For All & Sound Vision**

The name of a key organization that repeatedly surfaces in all our previous stories- other than OFMI and IAMC, is Justice For All (JFA). JFA is the fulcrum of all the fronts operating along India's fault lines. JFA was incorporated on April 27, 1999, in Illinois, Chicago by Abdul Malik Mujahid. <sup>53</sup>

The organization was founded by a Pakistani origin US Citizen Abdul Malik Mujahid and is currently led by Dr. Khursheed Mallick (Chairman), Osman Meah (Vice President), Anwar Kazmi (Secretary), and Ousmane Drame (Director), Emad El Turk (Director), and Ayesha K Mustafaa (Director).

JFA has staff and volunteers in Washington DC, New York, Boston, Texas, and other locations. JFA is an umbrella organization and runs several projects such as Save India, Free Kashmir, Faith Coalition, and Burma Task Force to name a few.

Justice For All (JFA) is powered by a Chicago-based media company Sound Vision Foundation Inc., which is a Chicago-based tax-exempt organization established in 1988 It was established by the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) in 1988 as its multimedia wing to promote "Islamic teachings in the United States and Canada." <sup>54</sup> An older version of the website of Sound Vision states that it was founded by ICNA in 1988 when Abdul Malik Mujahid was associated with them. <sup>55</sup>

It was noted during our report "USCIRF- an Organization of Particular Concern" that JFA was founded by a Pakistan national Abdul Malik Mujahid, former Ameer (head) of Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA), a project of Pakistan and Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI), which we discuss in the latter part.

It is important to remember that other fronts such as IAMC apart from JFA are all connected to the core of the Islamic Circle of North America. These organizations have mastered the art of building multiple fronts with innocuous names – circling human rights. These fronts help create the façade of grandeur. Hence, when you see instances of 50 international organizations holding a conference on "India on the Brink" or "Dismantling Hindutva", they are nothing but the progenies of a mother organization like the JFA.

A deep dive brings light to the fact that most organizations are multiple fronts being run by the same set of people. All the anti-India Islamist fronts could be traced to the Triumvirate of Abdul Malik Mujahid – Shaik Ubaid – Ahmadullah Siddiqi, sharing one commonality among themselves- All three once worked with ICNA, the US arm of Jamaat-e-Islami, Pakistan. <sup>56</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> https://apps.ilsos.gov/corporatellc/CorporateLlcController

<sup>54</sup> https://www.icna.org/about-us/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup>https://web.archive.org/web/19990219113934/http://www.soundvision.com/misc/introductiontosv.shtml

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/19991003145627/http://icna.com/ICNA/divisions.html

## **Chapter 3- The Kingpins**

#### I. Abdul Malik Mujahid

The kingpin behind organizations like the Bosnia Task Force, Kosova Task Force, Sound Vision, ICNA, or Justice For All (JFA) and its several other projects is Abdul Malik Mujahid. Abdul Malik Mujahid is a Pakistani-origin American who is the founder and has been the President of Sound Vision Foundation since its inception in 1988. He was also the national coordinator of the Bosnia Task Force and the Kosova Task Force, the precursors to the formation of Justice For All, which he founded in 1999.

But above all, Mujahid is a protégé of Jamaat-e-Islami, Pakistan.

#### Mujahid and shrouded past- ICNA, Jamaat, and Terror assist

Mujahid is a graduate of Darul Uloom Shah Waliullah in Pakistan Mujahid later headed Islami Jamiat-e-Talaba, the oldest student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami (Pakistan), between October 1975 and September 1977. It was during his tenure as head of Talba that Ayyub Thakur, who had founded the Jammu & Kashmir Students Islamic Organization in 1974, merged with Islami Jamiat-e-Talaba in 1976-77. Ayyub Thakur, close confidence of ISI mole Ghulam Nabi Fai, later moved to the UK to peruse the cause of Kashmir and was alleged to provide funds for terror activities in Kashmir. <sup>57</sup>

Before moving to the US, Mujahid headed Islami Jamiat-e-Talaba, between October 1975 and September 1977.  $^{58}$   $^{59}$ 

During his tenure, the ISI operative, late Ayyub Thakur, who had founded Jammu & Kashmir Students Islamic Organization in 1974 merged with Islami Jamiat-e-Talaba in 1976-77. <sup>60</sup>

After going to the US, Mujahid got promoted as he was chosen to lead the overseas branch of Jamaat i.e., the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA). Mujahid was the Ameer (head) of the ICNA as per their magazine "The Message International" in 1996. <sup>61</sup> It was during his tenure as ICNA head, that The Message International interviewed Syed Salahuddin, the commander of Hizbul Mujahideen, which is designated as a terrorist group in the European Union, India, USA, and Canada. However, it continues to lawfully operate in Pakistan and gets funding from them since its formation in 1989. <sup>62</sup> In the interview, The Message International portrayed Salahuddin as a heroic figure and glorified him for his cause of the separation of Kashmir from India and its merger with Pakistan. <sup>63</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> http://www.jammu-kashmir.com/archives/archives2002/kashmir20020619c.html

<sup>58</sup> https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Islami\_Jamiat-e-Talaba

<sup>59</sup> https://www.instagram.com/p/BHAuIM1KrGA/

<sup>60</sup> https://thedisinfolab.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/The-Un-Ending-War-III-KASHMIR-INC.pdf#page=10

<sup>61</sup> https://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/1089.pdf

<sup>62</sup> https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/IF/IF11934

<sup>63</sup> https://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/963.pdf

Mujahid later shifted base to the US, in Chicago, where he completed his graduation in Political science from the University of Chicago between 1981-83.

Mujahid was the Chairman of CIOGC from the years 2005-08 and was listed as ex-officio in their financial filings in 2010. <sup>64</sup> He was also appointed as the chairman of the Council of Parliament of the World's Religions (CPWR) on November 15, 2009. <sup>65</sup>

#### Mujahid and PAC (lobbying)

In the US, Malik Mujahid had formed another group named 'Muslim Democrats' to mobilize Muslim Americans to rally voters for Muslim Democrats during the 2008 elections. <sup>66</sup> His role involved organizing people for any cause, participating in political campaigns, and how to run for office.

The core objective of the group was to lobby Barrack Obama in 2008 to reverse the George Bush-era policies post the 9/11 Twin tower attack. The policies that dented the interests of Muslims such as the spreading of hostilities into Pakistan. <sup>67</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup>https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/display 990/363869749/2011 06 EO%2F36-3869749 990 201012

<sup>65</sup> http://old.ekklesia.co.uk/node/10611

<sup>66</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/20181222135733/http://www.muslimdemocrats.org/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup>https://web.archive.org/web/20181116074604/https://www.onfaith.co/onfaith/2009/07/07/muslim-democrats-trying-to-build-on-obama-momentum/700





Name: Abdul Malik Mujahid

Date of Birth: 6 - October - 1951

Nationality: Pakistani origin US Citizen

Education: • Graduate of Darul Uloom Shah Waliullah

in Pakistan.

· Graduate of political science from the

University of Chicago.

About Me: • American Muslim imam.

· Ex-Chair of Parliament of the World's Religions.

President of student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami,

Pakistan (1975-1977)

Organisations: • Sound-Vision - Founder

· ICNA - Ameer (1990s)

· Justice for All - Founder:

1. Faith Coalition to Stop Genocide.

2. Burma Task Force.

3. Save India.

4. Free Kashmir.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Author of the book Conversion to Islam:
 Untouchables Strategy for Protest in India.

#### II. Shaik Ubaid

Shaik Ubaid is the pivot of most of the prominent Islamic organizations operating in the US. He is a US-based medical practitioner of Indian origin, who claims his roots from Hyderabad, which he says was "forcefully annexed" by India after independence in 1947. <sup>68</sup> During an interview, Shaik Ubaid claimed that he moved to the US in his early 20s with his family i.e., in the 1980s. <sup>69</sup> There he joined ICNA as General Secretary and contributed as the Editor of "The Message International"-Newsletter of ICNA. He later formed his organization – Indian American Muslim Council (IAMC) as IMC-USA in 2002. In addition, he co-founded the **Coalition Against Genocide (CAG)** with Angana Chatterji in 2003, which was a coalition of organizations and individuals in the US and Canada. In the same year, Ubaid founded **Indian Muslim Alert Network (Imannet)**, as a division of the Indian Muslim Council (IMC-USA). <sup>70</sup> Most recently, he formed **Alliance to Save and Protect America from Infiltration by Religious Extremists (ASPAIRE)** in 2020. His organization-building acumen can be attributed to the reason behind the existence of several organizations critical of India in the US.



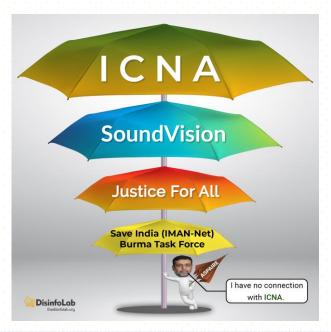
68 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CncJZBXdqQk&t=266s

<sup>69</sup> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9T05y6G3od0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/20030815095159/http://imannet.com/about/

#### Note:

Shaik Ubaid has been regularly and consistently present in ICNA events despite so-called distancing on ideological grounds. He has also been partnering with several fronts that have been mushrooming under the umbrella of ICNA including BTF. It is convenient to distance for sake of hiding association while acting together and lobbying together. Because, the Lobby firm hired by IAMC (Terry Allen - FGR) is subsequently hired by the Burma Task Force, which is being run under the ICNA umbrella of Justice for All and co-founded by Ubaid.



#### **Mujahid-Ubaid Bromance:**

Apart from working together in ICNA, Shaik Ubaid and Abdul Malik Mujahid went on to open several organizations in the US. JFA's Save India chapter's FB page was formed by changing the name of Imannet. <sup>71</sup> In 2012, they formed Burma Task Force (BTF) under the umbrella of JFA along with 1971 War criminal Ashraffuzaman Khan.

Besides, Ubaid also founded the **Muslim Peace Coalition (MPC)**, composed of Muslim Americans in 15 states in the US. Ubaid served as the New York co-chair of (MPC), and the idea of the formation of MPC was conceived by Abdul Malik Mujahid. <sup>72</sup>

<sup>71</sup> https://www.facebook.com/SaveIndiaFromFascism

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup>https://web.archive.org/web/20210412223645/http:/southasiajournal.net/and-god-he-is-with-the-steadfast-american-muslim-lives-in-the-new-millennium/

## III. Ahmadullah Siddiqi

Another key person is Ahmadullah Siddiqi, who is infamously known to be the founding father of the radical banned Islamist group Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI), also the student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind (JIH), which was banned in 2001 just after the 9/11 incident took place in the US.

Siddiqi also holds a key position in Mujahid's organization Sound Vision where he is the Executive Director since 2015. Incidentally, he was the batchmate of Ghulam Nabi Fai at Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) and Temple University (Philadelphia), where he completed his Ph.D. in International Communications. During the 1990s, both Siddiqi and Abdul Malik Mujahid handled the North Central region for ICNA. <sup>73</sup>

Besides, he was a speaker at the international conference of the Institute of Communication Studies, University of Punjab, Lahore in 2015. <sup>74</sup>

Siddiqi has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions (CPWR) since 2015, the same entity where Mujahid was appointed as chairman on November 15, 2009. <sup>75</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>73</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/19990223215015/http://www.icna.com/ICNA/organize.htmls

<sup>74</sup> http://www.gmeconference.com/blog/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup>http://www.muslimobserver.com/mohammad-ahmadullah-siddiqi-selected-distinguished-faculty-lecturer/

## **Chapter 4- JFA & SV members**

At present, Sound Vision Foundation is a stalwart organization that owns and manages JFA and all its projects. Abdul Malik Mujahid is currently the Chair of Sound Vision, while other members who are/were on the board have either links with Pak-backed organizations or the organizations that have vested interests against India.

#### A. Taha Ghayyur

Taha Ghayyur is an old member of Sound Vision and is currently the Executive Director of Justice for All Canada. He is a human rights advocate and a TV host by profession based out of Canada. <sup>76</sup> He first joined Sound Vision in March 2005 as its Executive Director and served on the board until November 2017. He was later transferred to ISNA Canada as Executive Director from December 2017 until July 2019.

In 2017, Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) audited ISNA's books for two years from January 1, 2007, to Dec. 31, 2009, and found shocking details. The ISNA-established Jami Mosque was used for terror funding to Relief Organization for Kashmiri Muslims (ROKM) – A charitable arm of Jamaat-e-Islami, Pakistan. <sup>77</sup> After findings, CRA revoked the charity status of ISNA for distributing over USD 280,000 to an organization, which was linked to a terrorist organization in Pakistan, such as Hizbul Mujahideen. <sup>78</sup>

Ghayyur again returned to the lap of Sound Vision in September 2019 as Vice President and currently also manages the Canada chapter of JFA as Executive Director. <sup>79</sup>

#### **B.** Khursheed Mallick

Dr. Khursheed Mallick is the Chairman and President of Justice for All (JFA). He is a Urologist of Indian origin and works at Downers Grove, Illinois. He is the Founder and President of Indian Muslim Education Foundation of North America (IMEFNA), which is a U.S.-based not-for-profit organization and claims to be "committed to serving economically weak meritorious minority students, particularly Muslims in India". <sup>80</sup>

Another member of IMEFNA, Hyder M Khan is currently the Secretary of the organization and also served as the Trustee of IAMC as claimed in their weekly news round-up of March

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> https://tahaghayyur.com/about-taha-ghayyur/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup>https://smedia2.intoday.in/indiatoday/354089173-CRA-s-Intention-to-Revoke-Letter-to-ISNA-Islamic-Services-of-Canada.compressed.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup>https://globalnews.ca/news/4490892/cra-suspends-fines-major-islamic-charity-over-concerns-it-may-have-provided-resources-to-armed-militants/

<sup>79</sup> https://www.linkedin.com/in/tahaghayyur/details/experience/

<sup>80</sup> https://imefna.org/about-us/

2012. <sup>81</sup> In the 2009 financial return filing of the IAMC, Hyder Khan was mentioned as its Vice President and Spokesperson. <sup>82</sup>

Additionally, Hyder Khan was the Managing Director and Chairman of another US-based group Supporters of Human Rights in India (SHRI) of Coalition against Genocide (CAG) where Khan was the spokesperson. <sup>83</sup> The coalition is a "spectrum of organizations and individuals in the United States and Canada" cofounded by Shaik Ubaid and Angana Chatterji.

Khursheed Mallick also co-founded another entity, **American Muslim Physicians of Indian Origin (AMPI)**, an Illinois-based organization with operations in India and the US. In India, AMPI was the main support of Aman Biradari Trust's "medical recovery shelter" program initially, and later, Islamic Relief and Azim Premji Foundation had come in as major supporters of AMPI in India. <sup>84</sup>

Aman Biradari Trust is a Delhi-based NGO owned by the former IAS officer Harsh Mander, who has been in many controversies in the past. In March 2020, Harsh Mander was booked by the Delhi Police for inciting violence during the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and making derogatory remarks against the Supreme Court of India. <sup>85</sup> <sup>86</sup> A year later, a case was registered under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act against two NGOs Umeed Aman Ghar (Aman Biradari Trust) and Khushi Rainbow Home, (both owned by Mander's organization Centre for Equity Studies) over child sexual abuse. <sup>87</sup> In September 2021, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) raided Mander's residence and three of his premises over the connection with money laundering. <sup>88</sup> Mander was one of the speakers alongside Indian politician Asaduddin Owaisi at the 2020 annual convention of the ISNA. <sup>89</sup> Moreover, Mander is also a regular speaker at the events and the so-called Congressional briefings of the IAMC.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>81</sup>https://web.archive.org/web/20120430232835/http://iamc.com/news-digest/iamc-weekly-news-roundup-march-5th-2012/

 $<sup>^{82}</sup> https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/display\_990/50532361/2011\_01\_E0\%2F05-0532361\_9900\_200909\#page8$ 

 $<sup>{}^{83}\</sup>underline{\ http://coalitionagainstgenocide.org/press/support/irpp.rice.php}$ 

<sup>84</sup> https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\_fbid=765102686991396&id=190987594402911

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>85</sup>https://www.deccanherald.com/national/delhi-police-accuse-harsh-mander-of-instigating-violence-and-making-derogatory-remarks-against-sc-810609.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>86</sup>https://lawbeat.in/top-stories/children-taken-anti-caa-protests-sites-instances-child-sexual-abuse-unreported

 $<sup>{}^{87}\</sup>underline{https://www.news18.com/news/india/child-rights-body-alleges-violations-of-juvenile-justice-act-in-two-child-care-institutions-in-delhi-3246746.html}$ 

<sup>88</sup> https://thefederal.com/news/ed-raids-properties-of-activist-harsh-mander/

<sup>89</sup> https://isna.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/ISNA-2020-Program-Aug-31.pdf



Incidentally, Mander is also on the board of Quill Foundation, which is an autonomous institution engaging in research and advocacy in India. Another member on the advisory board of Quill Foundation is Ajit Sahi, a former Tehelka investigative journalist and currently the advocacy director of IAMC. In 2010, Sahi absolved the banned outfit SIMI of their radical crimes and links with terror groups. <sup>90</sup>

Khursheed Mallick is also the Director of Sound Vision. 91

#### Note:

Harsh Mander was also one of the advisors of "The Justice Foundation", founded by the ISI handler and separatist Dr. Ayyub Thakur and later taken over by Ghulam Nabi Fai following the former's death in 2004. <sup>92</sup> In addition, Mander is on the advisory board of the Quill Foundation, which through its fabricated DOTO Database for minorities propagates the 'Islamophobia' narrative in India.

#### C. Kalim Farooki

Kalim Farooki is the outreach coordinator from California at JFA. He works as a supervisor and finance manager at Xerox since 1987. <sup>93</sup> Farooki is also the Development Director at Islamic Shura of Southern California, which is a community-based non-profit – 501(c)3

<sup>90</sup> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbND9ywFGoc

<sup>91</sup> https://www.soundvision.com/about-us

<sup>92</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/20111007021444/http:/www.justicefoundation.co.uk/welcomeDetail.php

<sup>93</sup> https://www.linkedin.com/in/kalim-farooki-a969b91a/

organization formed on April 20, 1995, as a response to the need for an umbrella organization for the growing number of mosques and Muslim organizations in California. <sup>94</sup>

His wife Fatima Farooki is the Public Relations Manager and Donor care at Helping Hand for Relief and Development (HHRD) since 2009. 95

HHRD is the international charity front of the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) Relief USA established in 2005. HHRD and ICNA charities, ran the disinformation campaign against India after New Delhi revoked the special status of Jammu and Kashmir state. They are a self-identified US charity of Jamaat-e-Islami (Jel). <sup>96</sup> HHRD has done 214 different projects with Al-Khidmat, (that aids Hizbul Mujahideen, the military wing of JeI) in the past. <sup>97</sup>

It is under the guise of international aid and has openly worked with the charitable wings of the U.S-designated terrorist organizations in the disputed region of Kashmir. In Dec 2017, HHRD organized a conference in Pakistan. Sponsors of the event included the Falah-e-Insaniat Foundation, and the charitable wing of the Pakistani terrorist organization, Lashkar-e-Taiba. HHRD also held another conference in Pakistan which was sponsored by Al-Khidmat, the official charity wing of Jel. <sup>98</sup> 99

## D. Subhaan Ashrafi

Subhaan Ashrafi is the social media manager at JFA, and also holds the same designation at the Muslim Students' Association (MSA), which is the first MB organization in the US in the 1960s. <sup>100</sup> He is also the founder and Product Manager at Sabr App, a meditation app for Muslims sponsored by ICNA Relief. <sup>101</sup> <sup>102</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>94</sup> https://shuracouncil.org/

<sup>95</sup> https://www.linkedin.com/in/fatima-farooki-b5054730/

<sup>96</sup> http://www.earlytimes.in/newsdet.aspx?q=289043

<sup>97</sup> http://hhrd.org/pdf/wfl/2017-WFL-WASH-WhatTheyEntail.pdf

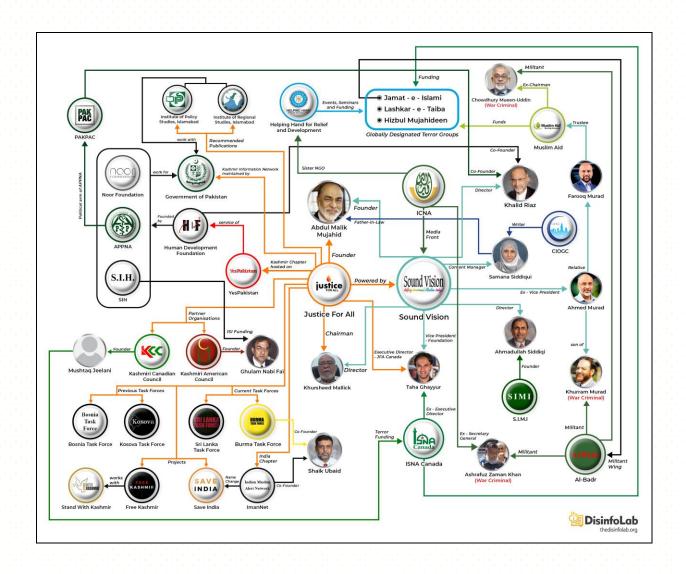
<sup>98</sup> http://dearcolleague.us/2019/09/cosign-investigate-potential-terror-finance-links/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>99</sup>https://web.archive.org/web/20210623223523/https://www.outlookindia.com/newsscroll/2-antiindia-us-charities-work-closely-with-hizbul-let/1791332

<sup>100</sup> https://www.msanational.org/our-team

<sup>101</sup> https://twitter.com/subthegamer

<sup>102</sup> https://www.linkedin.com/in/subhaan-ashrafi-1a6b1b75/details/experience/



## **Chapter 5- JFA members and Pakistan**

Abdul Malik Mujahid is not the only Pakistani national leading the Jamaat front in the US. Several members of JFA and Sound Vision hail from Pakistan and the entire JFA hierarchy is filled with them. While the members of JFA were either connected to radical groups in the US or even terror-aiding groups, the members of Sound Vision were directly connected to Pakistan and Jamaat. Some of them are Pakistani nationals, while other members were once associated with ICNA until the early 2000s.

#### A. Dr. Mohammed Yunus

Dr. Mohammed Yunus was the Director of Sound Vision in the early 2000s. He is a Pakistani-American who completed his Bachelor's in Medicine from King Edward Medical College, Lahore in 1970. After his Bachelor's he went to the US to pursue his career in medicine and currently lives in Bonifay, Florida. Yunus was the National President of ICNA between 1971-and 2000 for 17 years then became the chair department of Tarbeyah, ICNA. Later, he joined as the Executive Council member of Majlis Shura ICNA and its Southeast region. <sup>103</sup>

Currently, Mohammed Yunus is the Chairman of HHRD, the international charity wing of ICNA with outright links with Jamaat and terror group and their charity wings. <sup>104</sup> In addition, he is a Cardiologist and Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at Florida State University and also runs his clinic.

## B. Hena Zuberi

Hena Zuberi is the Director of JFA, and host of the Justice for All Now show on their channel since 2017. <sup>105</sup> She is a Pakistani national, who was born in Karachi and grew up in Arab countries before moving to the US where she got married and has four children. <sup>106</sup> <sup>107</sup> <sup>108</sup>

She is a journalist by profession and co-founder and Editor-in-Chief of MuslimMatters.org, an online magazine formed in 2007 with the collaboration of various bloggers for bringing attention to the issues faced by Muslims in the West. <sup>109</sup> Hena Zuberi is the Editor-In-Chief of Muslim Matters since 2010. <sup>110</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>103</sup> https://www.linkedin.com/in/mohammad-yunus-md-facp-177a75b/

<sup>104</sup> https://www1.hhrd.org/Get-Involved/About-Us

<sup>105</sup> https://www.justiceforall.org/staff-member/hena-zuberi-2/

<sup>106</sup> https://ifyokoye.com/2011/01/22/please-just-call-me-ify/

<sup>107</sup> https://www.99clayvessels.com/hena-zuberi

<sup>108</sup> https://lordsfavors.wordpress.com/about/

<sup>109</sup> https://muslimmatters.org/about/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>110</sup>https://web.archive.org/web/20111007021444/http://www.justicefoundation.co.uk/welcomeDetail.php

As per one of her blogs on Muslim Matters, Hena Zuberi's cousin Amna Zuberi's (late) son Abdullah and his grandfather (also Hena Zuberi's uncle M. A. Zuberi) were killed in a suicide bomb attack at a mosque in Rawalpindi. 111 112 Amna's husband and Abdullah's father is Colonel Kaleem Zuberi, who served in the Pakistan army. He was promoted to Brigadier and conferred with Sitara-i-Imtiaz in 2017 by the President of Pakistan 2017. 113

Another co-founder of Muslim Matters is Yasir Qadhi, <sup>114</sup> <sup>115</sup> who is a Pakistani-American influential preacher with both his parents hailing from Karachi, Pakistan. <sup>116</sup> Qadhi is currently Dean of Academic Affairs at AlMaghrib Institute and Professor at Rhodes College. <sup>117</sup> Qadhi is an admirer of Pakistan PM Imran Khan and both of them attended the inauguration ceremony of Qadir University, Islamabad in November 2021. <sup>118</sup> Due to his influence in the US, he has been able to attend events of the UAPA-slapped IAMC, which is under the radar of the Indian agencies. <sup>119</sup>

#### Mentor of the underwear bomber

In December 2009, a young Nigerian man Umar Farouk Abdul Mutallab, also known as an "underwear bomber" tried to blow up Northwest Airlines Flight 253 on Christmas Day. The "Underwear bomber" was the student of Yasir Qadhi at the Al-Maghrib Institute who was sentenced to prison for life after pleading guilty to enacting the plot. <sup>120</sup> <sup>121</sup>

### Supporter of Lady Al Qaeda- Aafia Foundation & Hena Zuberi

Hena Zuberi is also on the board of The Aafia Foundation, Inc. (TAF) which as per its website is a "tax-exempt non-profit, non-political, human rights organization dedicated to the advancement of human rights through education and advocacy". <sup>122</sup> TAF was incorporated on August 14, 2015, to advocate for the Pakistani national Aafia Siddiqui, also known as Lady Al Qaeda. <sup>123</sup> Aafia Siddiqui was an Al Qaeda who, with her husband made suspicious

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>111</sup>https://muslimmatters.org/2014/09/11/neverforget-my-sons-911-homework-project-remembering-what-theywant-us-to-forget/

<sup>112</sup> https://www.brecorder.com/news/3709496/well-that-was-indeed-a-profound-tragedy-20091212995755

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>113</sup>https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/194234-President-confers-Military-Awards-on-officers-and-men-of-armed-forces

<sup>114</sup> https://twitter.com/yasirqadhi/status/1262294670115319808

<sup>115</sup> https://opencorporates.com/companies/us\_tx/0801020905

<sup>116</sup> https://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/20/magazine/mag-20Salafis-t.html

<sup>117</sup> https://www.linkedin.com/in/yasir-gadhi-6589895b/

<sup>118</sup> https://twitter.com/yasirqadhi/status/1465284846117216256

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>119</sup> https://www.facebook.com/ISCJ1/posts/4859352437432173

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>120</sup> https://www.cnn.com/2009/US/12/30/terror.suspect.seminar/index.html

<sup>121</sup> https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/underwear-bomber-umar-farouk-abdulmutallab-sentenced-life

<sup>122</sup> https://aafia.org/board-of-directors/

<sup>123</sup> https://aafia.org/support/mission/

money transfers and purchased military equipment online. She had assisted Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the mastermind of the 9/11 attacks in the quest of blowing up the underground gas tanks in Baltimore. During her custody and interrogation, she also shot at a visiting FBI officer with M4 carbine and was convicted in February 2010 for 86 years in prison. <sup>124</sup> <sup>125</sup> <sup>126</sup> Hena Zuberi is a defender of Aafia Siddiqui and publicly defends her via her blogs and opinions. <sup>127</sup> <sup>128</sup>

#### Note:

On June 4, 2020, Shaik Ubaid, the founder of IAMC interacted with the President of Aafia Foundation, El-Hajj Mauri' Saalakhan, and discussed the "Crisis in India" and persecution of minorities during the first wave of COVID-19. <sup>129</sup>



#### **Fun Fact:**

Another member of the advisory board of TAF is Karima Al-Amin, who is an attorney and wife of Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin (formerly known as H. Rap Brown). <sup>130</sup> Abdullah Al-Amin is a civil rights activist and former chairman of the 'Student non-violent Coordinating Committee' during the 1960s. He was convicted of the murder of two Fulton County sheriff's deputies with a gun and is currently serving life in jail. <sup>131</sup>

<sup>124</sup> https://foreignpolicy.com/2014/08/26/lady-al-gaeda-the-worlds-most-wanted-woman/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>125</sup>https://www.vogue.com/article/read-it-now-wanted-women-faith-lies-and-the-war-on-terror-the-lives-of-ayaan-hirsi-ali-and-aafia-siddiqui

<sup>126</sup> https://www.jpost.com/international/article-692631

<sup>127</sup> https://muslimmatters.org/2010/12/30/aafia/

<sup>128</sup> https://mobile.twitter.com/HenaZuberi/status/1482511847832141827

<sup>129</sup> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9T05y6G3od0

<sup>130</sup> https://aafia.org/advisory-board/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>131</sup>https://www.montgomeryadvertiser.com/story/news/crime/2019/07/31/court-rules-against-militant-formerly-known-h-rap-brown-jamil-abdullah-al-amin/1876817001/

#### C. Muhammad Khalid Riyaz

Muhammad Khalid Riyaz was the Director of Sound Vision Foundation Inc. and currently holds the designation of Secretary. He is a Pakistani-American and a cardiologist by profession based out of Illinois. He completed his MBBS from King Edward Medical College Lahore, Pakistan, before settling in the US. Khalid is a prominent name in the US and has been recognized amongst the 500 Most Influential Muslims in the World. <sup>132</sup>

#### **Khalid Riyaz and APPNA**

However, his stems are rooted in Pakistan through various organizations in the US, that are formed by Pak expatriates. One of the organizations of which Khalid Riyaz served as the President between 1993-and 94 <sup>133</sup> is the Pakistani Physicians of North America (APPNA), which is an Illinois-based organization the idea of which was conceived by Pakistani-American physicians in 1976 and incorporated in 1977. APPNA was one of the early formed Pak organizations in the US and became the first organization to endorse Pak PM Imran Khan's hospital in 1989. <sup>134</sup>

Khalid Riyaz also co-founded the Pakistan Political Action Committee (PAK PAC), a subsidiary organization and political arm of APPNA in 1989. At present, PAK PAC is a lobbying group registered with the Federal Election Commission and engages in activities to foster the US-Pak relationship and promote Pakistan's interests in the US through influencing and educating policymakers. <sup>135</sup>

## D. Muhammad Khan

Relatively new member, Muhammad Khan is the Producer at Sound Vision and specializes in producing, directing, cinematography, and editing. Muhammad Khan is a Pakistani-American, who previously worked as a Producer at NEO TV Network, Pakistan. He joined SV in July 2021. <sup>136</sup>

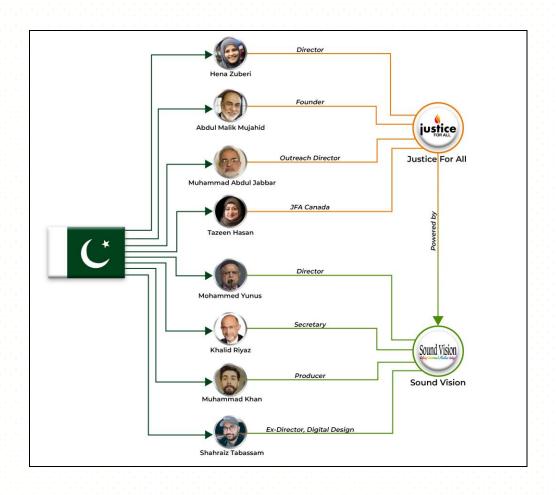
<sup>132</sup> https://www.hdfpk.com/dr-muhammad-khalid-riaz/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>133</sup> https://appna.org/presidents-of-appna/#1512582736005-8ba0991a-c388

<sup>134</sup> https://appna.org/about-us/

<sup>135</sup> https://www.pakpacusa.org/about/

<sup>136</sup> https://www.linkedin.com/in/asaadkhan/



## **Chapter 6- JFA's overseas branches**

#### JFA Canada

Justice For All Canada was launched in 2012 as an impetus to the Burma Task Force (BTF) campaign to conduct awareness campaigns, organize, and lobby the Canadian government. JFA Canada went expanded its programs to **Save Uighur**, **Free Kashmir**, **Save India**, **Sri Lanka Task Force**, and **Free Shabir Shah**. <sup>137</sup>

JFA Canada seeks to advocate for **Shabir Shah Varrier**, founder and president of the Jammu and Kashmir Democratic Freedom Party (JKDFP). Shabir Shah is a separatist leader who bats for the secession of Kashmir from India. He was arrested by India's National Investigation Agency (NIA) in 2019 for being in touch with the global terrorist Hafeez Sayeed, chief of the banned outfit 'Jamat-ud-Dawa' of Pakistan. Shah received money from Pakistan through hawala for carrying out activities and creating unrest in J&K. <sup>138</sup> <sup>139</sup>

The key person behind these campaigns carried on by JFA Canada is **Tazeen Hasan**, who is a freelance journalist and writer, and Campaign manager at JFA Canada. Besides, she also manages her online blog. <sup>140</sup> On her blog site, Tazeen wrote about the UK-based law firm Stoke White Consultancy, which published an 'investigative report' by its branch seeking an investigation of the accusation of genocide in Kashmir. The Director of the law firm, Hakan Camuz is a Turkish-origin living in the UK. He headed various organizations backed by Turkey and its President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and his son Bilal Erdoğan. The organizations he headed are MUSIAD UK and TURGEV, which was affiliated with Ensar Foundation which was involved in child sexual abuse in 2016. <sup>142</sup>

Tazeen hailed Stoke-White consultancy for filing a complaint against India's army of chief and Home Minister to the UK police seeking their arrest. She called for the implementation of the same model in the US and Canada against the Indian government in her blog. <sup>143</sup>

### Tazeen Hasan as Guest speaker at SARIM

Tazeen has been one of the several guest speakers on the platform of the South Asia Research Institute for Minorities (SARIM). Most recently, Tazeen attended a webinar hosted by

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>137</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/20201026134125/https://www.justiceforallcanada.org/about.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>138</sup>https://www.outlookindia.com/website/story/india-news-nia-likely-to-file-charge-sheet-against-separatist-leader-yasin-maiik-under-uapa/339837

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>139</sup>https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/ed-attaches-assets-of-shabir-shah-fines-three-more-in-terror-funding-case/story-B5i3yd9xwXhKBsYUfc8V7H.html

<sup>140</sup> https://twitter.com/tazeenhasan

<sup>141</sup> https://tazeenhasan.blogspot.com/

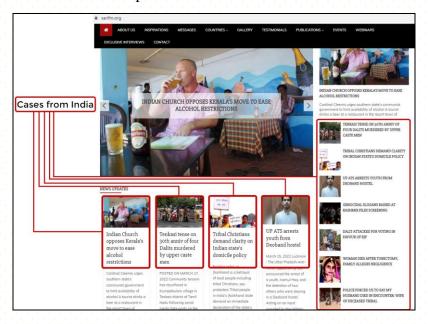
<sup>142</sup> https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-36071773

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>143</sup> https://tazeenhasan.blogspot.com/2022/01/uk-law-firm-seeking-arrest-of-indian\_39.html

SARIM on February 10, 2022, to discuss the "Rising influence of Hindutva in the Western World". 144



SARIM is a Karachi-based organization that claims to defend human rights in South Asia in countries including Pakistan, India, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, and the Maldives. <sup>145</sup> Its domain (www.sarifm.org) was registered on May 23, 2019, in Sindh province in Pakistan. <sup>146</sup> However, a cursory look at its website gives ample idea of its interests in India and not the other proclaimed South-Asian nations.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>144</sup> https://twitter.com/OrgSarifm/status/1491702188929867782

<sup>145</sup> https://sarifm.org/countries/

<sup>146</sup> https://who.is/whois/sarifm.org

In July 2020, SARIM hosted **Amrik Singh** and India's All India Backward and Minority Communities Employees Federation (BAMCEF) Vice President **Manisha Bangar**, who couldn't attend the event. She was seen regularly with Khalistani and ISI operative Bhajan Singh Bhinder alias Iqbal Choudhry and Pieter Friedrich.

Amrik Singh was on the advisory board of the Organization for Minorities of India (OFMI), which shut down following the report "THE UNENDING WAR- From Proxy War to Info War against India." <sup>147</sup> Additionally, Amrik Singh was one of the three chairmen of the Human Rights Wing (Shiromani Akali Dal) that probed into the arrest of Balbir Singh Dhillon, who was arrested with one kilogram of RDX in Punjab in 1996. <sup>148</sup>



## Collaboration with terror-linked and Pro-MB groups

JFA Canada works in alliance with terror-linked groups to advocate for "human rights" across the globe such as **Human Concern International (HCI)**, and **Yaqeen Institute**. <sup>149</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>147</sup>https://thedisinfolab.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/THE-UN-ENDING-WAR-From-Proxy-War-to-Info-Waragainst-India.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>148</sup> https://www.congress.gov/crec/1996/07/29/modified/CREC-1996-07-29-pt1-PgE1393.htm

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>149</sup>https://static1.squarespace.com/static/60cdedb24ad38e5605f86636/t/60ed1824c1f2f61945a00ee5/162615094 8841/International++Day+in+Solidarity+-4.pdf

**Human Concern International** is a Canada-based NGO founded in 1980. HCI had run two campaigns during the COVID-19 in India – one on April 17, 2021, and another on May 5, 2021. HCI collected about CAD 18K for its intended charity in India.

In July 2019, counter-terrorism forces of Pakistan arrested Ali Nawaz, the head of HCI (Pakistan office) for funding Al Qaeda militants. <sup>150</sup> Former Pakistani Ambassador to Afghanistan Rustam Shah Mohmand was also accused of financing terrorism during the arrest of Ali Nawaz back in 2019. His association was also present with Human Concern International, as per Pakistani media Dawn. Nawaz and Mohmand, along with Mohammad Naeem, Shah-i-Room Khan, Mohammad Farooq Awan, and Mohammad Tayyab were arrested on June 16, 2020. <sup>151</sup>

**Yaqeen Institute** is a Texas-based Islamic religious institute founded on June 1, 2016, by Sheikh Omar Suleiman who is a regular speaker at the events of ISNA and ICNA conventions. <sup>152</sup> He has been known to support MB publicly and is accused of antisemitic views. <sup>153</sup> <sup>154</sup> Omar Suleiman was also one of the guests at the Russell Tribunal on Kashmir, hosted by Pak and MB-backed organizations.

#### **Sound Vision UK**

Sound Vision UK was incorporated on December 2, 1997, as a video reproducing company. <sup>155</sup> It was registered under the name of Luciene James Ltd-UK Based Private Firm. The organization was first registered by the agent, who resigned days after registering it, only to have the real key people on the board of directors. The first person to be appointed to the Sound Vision board was **Zahoor Ahmad Niazi** on December 2, 1997. Ahmad Niazi is a Pakistani Journalist living in England. Niazi has worked for The Daily Hurriyet, before moving to Britain in 1981. There, he joined Daily Millat- London as Editor and then joined the Centre for Pakistan Studies and Pakistan Press International. In 1983, he joined The Daily Jang - London before his retirement.

The second appointee at Sound Vision UK was Abdul Malik, who joined as the director on the board on January 27, 1998. <sup>157</sup> He currently leads Sound Vision and JFA. The third appointee was **Tanveer Khursheed Mallick**, who also joined as the Director on July 1, 1998. Tanveer Khursheed Mallick is the son of Dr. Khursheed Mallick, who currently heads Sound Vision as well as JFA. <sup>158</sup> The company was dissolved on February 20, 2018, via Voluntary strike-off. <sup>159</sup>

154 https://www.jta.org/2019/05/20/opinion/imam-omar-suleiman-has-an-anti-semitic-past

<sup>150</sup> https://www.arabnews.com/node/1521926/world

<sup>151</sup> https://www.dawn.com/news/1563788

<sup>152</sup> https://opencorporates.com/companies/us\_tx/0802471004

<sup>153</sup> https://archive.md/KFkCt

<sup>155</sup>https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/03474863/filing-history?page=3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>156</sup> https://prideofpakistan.com/famedetail.php?name=ZahoorAhmadNiazi&id=475

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>157</sup>https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/03474863/filing-history?page=3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>158</sup>https://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:F9DMCh36\_zUJ:ftp://ilga.gov/legislation/97/SR/0970 0SR0208.htm+&cd=2&hl=en&ct=clnk&ql=in

<sup>159</sup> https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/03474863/filling-history

# **Chapter 7- Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA)**

ICNA is considered the constitutive body of the Jamaat-e-Islami in the US. It was set up in 1968 as Halqa-e-Ahbab-e-Islami (HAI). The very first public lecture of HAI was by Jammat founder - Maulana Abdul A'la Maududi. Since then, several JeI-affiliated people have headed this organization and been in important posts. Several ICNA heads have been associated with Jamaat and worked for it. <sup>160</sup>

It was renamed to Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) in 1971 and reformed its administration in 1977. In 1977, ICNA's new constitution was published and the English language was adopted as their medium of communication. <sup>161</sup> Subsequently, ICNA opened its forum for Da'wah activities. Other important activities included the publication of "The Magazine" monthly editions to galvanize youth and sisters in the form of affiliated organizations. Subsequently, ICNA Sisters was formed in 1978. <sup>162</sup>

Several members associated since its formation were Pakistani nationals. <sup>163</sup> <sup>164</sup> During the early days of formation, ICNA called itself an Islamic Jama'ah (organized group) and movement with the objective "to achieve the pleasure of Allah through the establishment of the Islamic system in North America" <sup>165</sup>

This was the first clear influence of the Muslim Brotherhood on Jamaat.

Jamaat-e-Islami, traditionally, has kept closer to its roots in the Indian-subcontinent culture in its outlook, dressing, functioning, and language. They tried to keep with the traditions in their attire etc., as closely with Prophet Muhammad as possible.

On the other hand, Muslim Brotherhood had re-invented Islam in the Western outlook to make itself look more familiar to the West. It was a tactic of easy assimilation to facilitate working from inside.

There was a reason why the Muslim brotherhood could do this experiment. Muslim Brotherhood was founded and since then led by Muslim activists who however are not considered experts on Islam. They do not have formal and in-depth learning of Islamic teachings. Hence, they appear more adept at breaking the traditional mindset and improvising the Islamic precepts.

As has been documented by several scholars and researchers of the Muslim Brotherhood, this tactic earned the Muslim Brotherhood great dividends and they managed to endear

<sup>160</sup> https://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/1058.pdf

<sup>161</sup> https://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/1030.pdf#page=2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>162</sup> https://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/1030.pdf

 $<sup>{}^{163}\</sup>underline{https://www.wrmea.org/1994-september-october/arab-and-muslim-american-activism-democrats-organize-arab-american-council.html}$ 

<sup>164</sup> https://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/1039.pdf

<sup>165</sup> https://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/ICNA%20Brochure.pdf#page=2

themselves easily with the Westerners, including with several Deep State operatives. This gave them inherent protection and the much-needed operating environment to MB operatives in the West which was not available to Jamaat.

Jamaat learned the tricks of the trade from the Muslim Brotherhood, especially after the 1970s when several fronts were created as part of a coordinated strategy, which is explained in later parts of this report.

Several of its presidents have been from the JeI stable including its recent president Dr. Mohsin Ansari. Adding more weight to this are the associations of 1971 war criminals Ashrafuz Zaman Khan, and Motiur Rahman Nizami, both convicts in the Genocide of Bangladeshis in the 1971 war.

Moreover, Shaik Ubaid, Abdul Malik Mujahid, and SIMI founder Ahmadullah Siddiqi were associated with ICNA in the late 1980s and 1990s before leaving and forming their respective organizations. <sup>166</sup>

<sup>166</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/19990223215015/http://www.icna.com/ICNA/organize.html

## **Chapter 8- ICNA and Jamaat-e-Islami**

ICNA was not just formed by the Pakistani nationals, its current members have been associated with Jamaat-e-Islami in the past. Additionally, ICNA through its international charity wing HHRD works in collaboration with Jamaat in Pakistan.

- Sayyid Abul Ala Mawdudi, who is credited as the founder of Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) attended the first-ever public convention of ICNA in the US in 1974 during his visit to the US. <sup>167</sup>
- ➤ Helping Hand for Relief and Development (HHRD) the global charity wing of ICNA has a Rehab and Research Centre in Karachi. <sup>168</sup> Its Chairman Mohsin Ansari was an alumnus of Islami-Jamiat-Talaba, the student wing of JeI, Pakistan. In 2017, HHRD did a conference in Pakistan along with Falah-e-Insaniyat and Milli Muslim League, respectively the charitable and political wings of Lashkar-e-Taiba a globally designated terrorist organization along with its Chief Hafiz Saeed (Mastermind of Mumbai terror attacks).
- ➤ HHRD also did a conference in Pakistan which was chaired by Al-Khidmat, the charity wing of JeI. Al Ghazali Education Trust, another partner of HHRD is also a branch of Jamaat. The US designated global terrorist and Hizbul Chief Syed Salahuddin has publicly partnered with both Al-Khidmat and Ghazali Education Trust. HHRD has carried out as many as 214 projects with Al-Khidmat. 169
- ➤ Hafiz Naeem Ur Rehman, the Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami's Karachi chapter (Al-Khidmat) partnered with HHRD also has a close tie with the US-designated Kashmiri terrorist organization Hizbul Mujahideen; and in 2016 Rehman was seen celebrating 'Martyrdom' of Kashmiri terrorist Burhan Wani along with Hizb-ul-Mujahideen Commander Salahuddin. These traces have been removed, but the archive link exposed them. <sup>170</sup> 171

It is interesting to note that under pressure from Financial Action Task Force (FATF), these traces have been removed from their websites, but the archive link exposed them.

#### **Luminaries of ICNA**

Some of the keynote speakers at the 24<sup>th</sup> annual convention of the ICNA comprised of "dignitaries" with a stain of war crime and terror activities: <sup>172</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>167</sup>https://web.archive.org/web/20160707153424/http://messageinternational.org/from-msa-to-icna-and-isna/

<sup>168</sup> http://dearcolleague.us/2019/09/cosign-investigate-potential-terror-finance-links/

http://dearcolleague.us/2019/09/cosign-investigate-potential-terror-finance-links/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>170</sup> https://www.investigativeproject.org/7011/ipt-investigation-reveals-icna-partner-close-ties

<sup>171</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/20180131205734/http://www.hizbmedia.org/06%20February%202017(a).php

https://www.wrmea.org/1999-september/muslim-american-activism.html

- **a. Sheikh Muhammad Siyam-** He was a former Iman of Al Aqsa Mosque and representative of Hamas. In an investigation revelation led by the FBI on the Holy Land Foundation and Hamas' presence in the US for collecting funds, Sheik Muhammad Siyam attended a meeting in Los Angeles in 1994 as the head of the military wing of Hamas in Gaza. <sup>173</sup> He passed away in February 2019. <sup>174</sup>
- **b. Ghulam Azam-** Ghulam Azam was a Bangladesh politician and former Ameer (head) of Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh. He was found guilty of committing war crimes during the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation war wherein the International Crimes Tribunal found him guilty of conspiring, planning, incitement to, and complicity in committing genocide. He was convicted in 2013 and sentenced to 90 years in jail <sup>175</sup> and died a year later in 2014. <sup>176</sup>
- c. Dr. Muhammad Ayyub Thakur- Ayyub Thakur was a Kashmiri separatist and ISI operative, who left India in 1981 and eventually settled in the UK. There he founded three organizations: World Kashmir Freedom Movement, The Justice Foundation, and Mercy Universal. Through Mercy Universal, he channeled the ISI funds and sent them to militant organizations and separatists such as Asiya Andrabi and her organization Dukhtaran-e-Millat. 177
- d. Imam Siraj Wahhaj- Born as Jeffrey Kearse, and later joined Islam and adopted the name Iman Siraj Wahhaj. He is the leader of the Muslim Alliance in North America, and former Vice President of ISNA. <sup>178</sup> He was amongst the alleged "co-conspirators" in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and had links with the bomb-maker of the attack, Clement Rodney Hampton-El. Siraj Wahhaj's son, who also goes by the same name was arrested by the Police in New Mexico in 2018 for possibly abducting 11 children, who were found in a state of starvation including the remains of a young child. <sup>179</sup> <sup>180</sup> Federal prosecutors on the case said that all five people including Siraj Wahhaj (Jr.) were planning and training for a deadly terrorist attack in the US. <sup>181</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>173</sup>https://www.nytimes.com/2001/12/06/world/mideast-flare-up-money-trail-fbi-traces-hamas-s-plan-finance-attacks-93.html

<sup>174</sup> https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/former-preacher-of-agsa-mosgue-dies-in-sudan/1394506

 $<sup>^{175}</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/20201123222435/https://www.euronews.com/2013/07/15/bangladesh-islamist-leader-found-guilty-of-war-crimes$ 

<sup>176</sup> https://bdnews24.com/bangladesh/2014/10/24/ghulam-azam-dies

<sup>177</sup>https://thedisinfolab.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/The-Un-Ending-War-III-KASHMIR-INC.pdf#page=12

<sup>178</sup> https://themuslim500.com/profiles/siraj-wahhaj/

<sup>179</sup> https://www.oxygen.com/crime-time/siraj-wahhaj-new-mexico-compound-son-imam-wtc-bombing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>180</sup>https://www.oxygen.com/crime-time/11-kids-rescued-from-filthy-compound-amalia-new-mexico-siraj-wahhaj-lucas-morten-arrested

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>181</sup> https://mynbc15.com/news/local/nbc-15-news-exclusive-alabamas-connection-to-terror-suspects

## ICNA, JFA's fondness for War criminals

ICNA not only works with the charitable wings of Jamaat-e-Islami, Pakistan, but it is also honor-bound to the 1971 Bangladesh liberation war criminals who carried out the mass genocide of Bangladeshis along with the Pakistani army. Similarly, JFA runs several projects under its umbrella, such as the Sri Lanka task Force, Free Kashmir, Save Uyghur, Free Shabir Shah, Save India, and Burma Task Force. But before establishing such projects, JFA was running two projects- **Burma Muslims** and **BD Alert (Bangladesh).** 

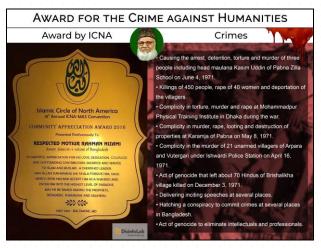
#### **Bangladesh Alert**

Bangladesh Alert or BD Alert was created in response to a decision by the newly elected Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in 2010. After getting re-elected as the Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina set up a war crimes tribunal to put the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation war criminals on trial for their role in the genocide. <sup>182</sup>

JFA through its BD Alert chapter absolved the 1971 war criminals Motiur Rahman Nizami and Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed for their role in carrying out the mass genocide of Bengali intellectuals. <sup>183</sup> Both of them were the key members of JeI and were tried under the war crimes tribunal and punished to death after being proven guilty. <sup>184</sup> <sup>185</sup>

ICNA and Sound Vision have vocally supported the 1971 Bangladesh liberation war criminals:

• In 2016 ICNA felicitated Motiur Rahman Nizami, the leader of Bangladesh Jamaate-Islami and Al-Badr, who was responsible for the mass genocide of Bengali intellectuals during the Bangladesh Liberation War in 1971. ICNA honored him posthumously for his "Outstanding Contribution" to Islam and his role in the 1971 tragedy.



https://web.archive.org/web/20130703183841/http://www.justiceforall.org/our-projects.php

<sup>184</sup>https://web.archive.org/web/20160511133902/http://en.prothom-alo.com/bangladesh/news/104261/Nizami-executed

<sup>183</sup> http://www.bdalert.com/action-alert/page/2

<sup>185</sup> https://www.reuters.com/article/us-bangladesh-warcrimes-idUSBRE96G09X20130717?irpc=932

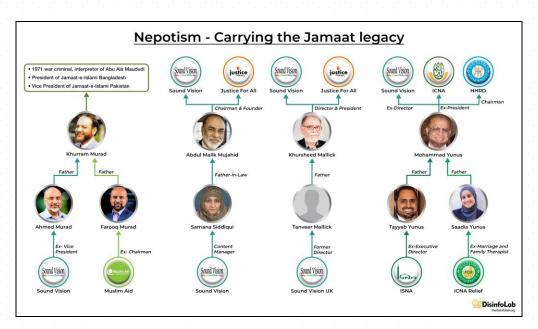
- Ashrafuz Zaman Khan, another war criminal, who was sentenced to death in absentia led the Queen's chapter of ICNA New York and is one of the founding members of the Burma Task Force.
- Khurram Jha Murad, the translator and interpreter of Mawlana Maududi (founder of Jamaat-e-Islami), who had killed Bangladeshis in 1971 is looked upon as a great leader by Sound Vision. <sup>186</sup> While his son Ahmed Murad is the founding member and former Vice President of Sound Vision.

From War Criminals, Genocide perpetrators, terrorists, kidnappers, and child molesters. ICNA, its subsidiaries, and its various fronts are concerned about the human rights situation in India.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>186</sup> https://www.soundvision.com/article/khurram-murad

## **Chapter 9- All in the Family**



We had noted in our earlier story – the Kashmir Conflict –how the conflicts have become a family business – where the so-called activists live luxurious lives sitting in the US and Europe. The business of human rights is transferred from one generation to another. We have seen how the progenies of Ayyub Thakur, Muzzamil Thakur, the Children of Ghulam Mir – Hafsa Kanzwal, and the son of Akram Dar, Aejaz Dar, and so on have inherited the cause and the big money associated with it.

What we did not realize was that this was the standard practice of Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan.

Abdul Malik Mujahid's daughter-in-law is **Samana Siddiqui**, who is married to his son Bilal Mujahid. <sup>187</sup> <sup>188</sup> Samana is the Content Manager at Sound Vision since 1999 and writes blogs on the official website of Sound Vision. <sup>189</sup> Samana also worked as Writer and Columnist at Chicago Crescent, the monthly newspaper initiative of CIOGC that started in 2006 until 2016.

**Mohammad Yunus**, the Director of Sound Vision has eight children and 25 grandchildren. <sup>190</sup> His family shows the generational progression in taking roles within the ICNA. Two of his children- Tayyab Yunus (son) and Saadia Yunus (daughter) took up roles in the subsidiary entities of ICNA.

Tayyab Yunus was the former National Coordinator of Young Muslims, ICNA's youth division, and later became the Executive Director of ISNA for six months between December

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>187</sup> https://www.thehoneycombproject.org/stories/siddiqui-mujahid-family

<sup>188</sup> https://blockshopper.com/il/dupage-county/property/06-22-102-018/1s163-winthrop-lane

https://www.soundvision.com/authors/samana-siddiqui

<sup>190</sup> https://www.icbr.org/friday-khutba-friday-night-lecture-with-dr-mohammad-yunus/

2018 to May 2019. <sup>191</sup> In 2020, he attended the ICNA Relief's annual banquet alongside several guests including the 1993 World Trade Center bombing co-conspirator Imam Siraj Wahhaj. Imam Siraj Wahhaj, was the unindicted co-conspirator (alongside Osama Bin Laden's mentor Abdullah Azzam) of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing who had links to the bomb-maker of the attack, Clement Rodney Hampton-El, an ex-US Army soldier. <sup>192</sup> 193

While Yunus' daughter Saadia Yunus worked at ICNA Relief and ICNA's magazine "The Message International" from 2012-13, she left both these organizations in 2018 and 2019 respectively. 194

Another key member, **Dr. Ahmed Murad** is the founding member and former Vice President of Sound Vision. He is accredited with making Sound Vision's best-selling software including Al-Qari Plus and SalatBase, used by Muslims to learn Quran and daily prayers. He is also the son of **Khurram "Jha" Murad**, the Vice President of Jamaat-e-Islami, Pakistan, and President of Jel Bangladesh. <sup>195</sup> Khurram Murad was a superior member of Al-Badr, a militant group that carried out the genocide of Bangladeshis in 1971. As per one of the commissions, Khurram Murad killed 15 Bengali Hindus just to check whether the three-not-three rifle was working or not. <sup>196</sup>

## Nepotism- Carrying the legacy of the Murad Dynasty

The wings of the Murad dynasty are spread in both the USA and the UK. His sons Ahmed Murad held the position of Vice President at Sound Vision until 2012. Murad Senior's other son Farooq Salman Murad, was the chairman of Muslim Aid (UK) and one of the trustees of Muslim Aid Pakistan. <sup>197</sup> In March 2010, Muslim Aid was found to have funded eight organizations linked to the terror groups Hamas and Palestine Islamic Jihad. <sup>198</sup> In addition, Muslim Aid publicly collaborates with Al-Khidmat, the charity arm of Hizbul Mujahideen, which in turn is the militant arm of Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) in Kashmir. <sup>199</sup> Farooq Murad also founded and managed Kube Publishing Limited, a publishing house that runs The Islamic

<sup>191</sup> https://www.linkedin.com/in/tayyabyunus/details/experience/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>192</sup>https://cms.frontpagemag.com/fpm/2020/02/unindicted-co-conspirator-93-wtc-bombing-coming-joe-kaufman

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>193</sup>https://cms.frontpagemag.com/fpm/2020/02/unindicted-co-conspirator-93-wtc-bombing-coming-joe-kaufman

<sup>194</sup> https://www.facebook.com/szainaby/about?section=year-overviews

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 $<sup>{}^{196} \</sup>underline{https://archive.dhakatribune.com/uncategorized/2013/10/07/religion-based-politics-is-the-biggest-threat-maudoodis-son}$ 

<sup>197</sup> http://muslimaid.org.pk/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Annual-Review-ilovepdf-compressed.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>198</sup>https://andrewgilliganblog.wordpress.com/2010/12/17/muslim-aid-hopeless-charity-commission-whitewashes-yet-another-islamist-group/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>199</sup>https://web.archive.org/web/20210116195246/https://nation.com.pk/17-Jun-2017/kashmiris-sacrifices-won-t-go-in-vain

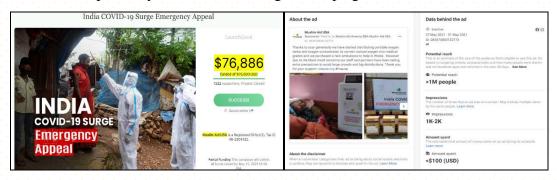
Foundation, two of whose trustees were sanctioned by the US for having links with Taliban and Al-Qaeda. <sup>200</sup>

## Muslim Aid & its Covid Aid Scam against India

• Muslim Aid was one of the many organizations that were collecting funds in the name of India during the covid crisis in 2021. However, it was not transparent about its spending on the funds it collected in the name of helping India. The organization was founded by the 1971 war criminal Chowdhury Mueen-Uddin and has direct links with the ISI in charge of Lt. General Khalid Latif Mughal, and alleged terror-linked scholar Dr. Bilal Philips.



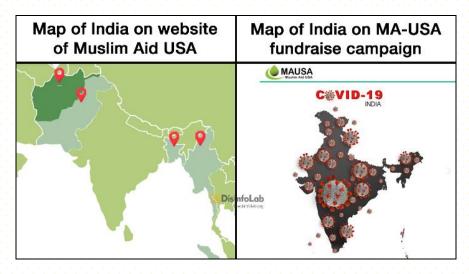
• MA collected funds for India via three of its fronts i.e., Muslim Aid (UK), USA, and Australia. And for that, they cherry-picked the good old crowdfunding platform i.e., Launch Good. There, the USA & Australia front managed to raise USD76,886 & 7789USD respectively, while also running ad campaigns on Facebook.



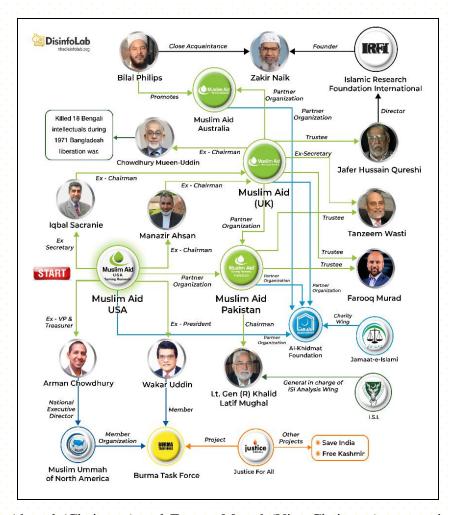
• These fronts not only relied on just crowdfunding platforms but also accepted funds directly on their websites and for that, they resorted to the Indian version of the map while seeking donations from India & on behalf of India. This showcases their clear bias as their websites only feature Pakistan-approved map to show India.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>200</sup> https://thedisinfolab.org/covid-aid-scam-2021-ii-the-charity-industry/#rb-24-Muslim-Aid-Pakistannbsp



- And just like IMANA, Muslima Aid USA, UK & Australia named their fundraiser "Help India Breathe". To attract donations, these fronts used several unrelated/ fake pictures for projecting the Covid crisis, most of which were bought through Getty Images or Shutterstock.
- The network of Muslim Aid also connected to one of the most wanted men in India Dr. Zakir Naik. Dr. Zakir Naik is on the radar of the Indian establishment for funding and planning multiple bomb blasts across various cities of India in 2020. And one of the members of Muslim Aid UK Mohammed Jafer Hussain Qureshi was the Director of the Islamic Research Foundation, owned by Zakir Naik. All these groups portray as separate entities but are linked to each other via several fronts.



Currently, both Ahmed (Chairman) and Farooq Murad (Vice-Chairman) are serving on the board of Ilm Trust, a UK-based not-for-profit organization set up on June 16, 1990, and has operations in the UK and Pakistan.  $^{201}$   $^{202}$ 

Ahmed Murad also couldn't hide his association with Jamaat, as he has been a distinct speaker at ICNA's events. <sup>203</sup>

 $<sup>{\</sup>color{blue} {}^{201}} \underline{https://www.umt.edu.pk/News/ILM-Trust-UMT-Elect-New-Leadership-Dr-Ahmad-Murad-Appointed-Chairman.aspx}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>202</sup> https://ilmtrust.org.pk/about-ilm-trust/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>203</sup> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwX8cFtckH0

# **Chapter 10- Evolution of Justice For All (JFA)**

Before the formation of JFA, All this time both Bosnia Task Force and Kosova Task Force were available on the website which is today known as "Justice For All". JFA is currently the fulcrum of all the key anti-India activities that take place in the US. The foundation of JFA was laid by the ICNA, by the formation of two task forces.

### A. Bosnia Task Force

ICNA organized a rally on Bosnia in the US and initiated the Bosnia Task Force in 1992-93. <sup>204</sup> A letter was written by the Indian American Muslim Council (IAMC) founder Shaik Ubaid in September 2010 addressing the American Muslim Leadership also gives a brief chronology of the organizations' set up in the USA since the 1990s. As per that letter, the Bosnia Task Force was formed by Abdul Malik Mujahid and ICNA in 1992 as an alliance of the following organizations: <sup>205</sup>

- Ministry of Imam W Deen Mohammed
- Islamic Society of North America (ISNA)
- Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA)
- Bosnia Action Committee-Chicago
- Majlis Shura of New York
- Islamic Shura Council of Greater Los Angeles
- Council of Islamic Organizations of Michigan
- Islamic Society of Greater Houston
- National Community and the Balkan Muslim Association

Since its inception in 1992, the office of the Bosnia Task Force was located in the headquarters of ISNA in Indiana, a Muslim Brotherhood front in the US and one of the organizations of the alliance that formed the Bosnia Task Force. <sup>206</sup>

### Why Bosnia Task Force?

Bosnian War was fought between 1992 to 1995. The ethnically rooted war was fought in Bosnia and Herzegovina, then a republic of Yugoslavia with a multiethnic population—44% Bosnia (Muslim), 33% Serb, and 17% Croat. The unrest began with Yugoslavia's breakup in 1990; after a 1992 referendum, the European Community (now European Union) recognized Bosnia's independence. Bosnia's Serbs responded violently, seized 70% of Bosnian territory, besieged Sarajevo, and terrorized Bosnians and Croats in what came to be

<sup>205</sup> https://www.justiceforall.org/bosnia-task-force/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>204</sup>https://www.icna.org/about-us/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>206</sup> https://www.justiceforall.org/bosnia-task-force/

known as "ethnic cleansing." After bitter fighting between the Bosnian Croats and the Bosnian government, international pressure forced the two factions to sign a cease-fire and an agreement for a federation. Both then concentrated on their common enemy, the Serbs. After rejected peace plans and continued warring, Western nations, with NATO backing, imposed a final cease-fire negotiated at Dayton, Ohio, in 1995. Bosnia and Herzegovina became a single state composed of two distinct entities: the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Croat-Bosniak federation) and the Republika Srpska (Bosnian Serb Republic).

## B. Kosova Task Force (KTF)

It was after the success of the Bosnia Task Force, Abdul Malik Mujahid continued the Task Force to Kosova Task Force in 1999, which was formed with the support of 16 organizations namely: 207 208

- Albanian Islamic Cultural Center
- American Muslim Council (AMC)
- Balkan Muslim Association
- Council of Islamic Organizations of Chicago (CIOC)
- Council of Islamic Organizations of Michigan
- Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR)
- Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA)
- Islamic Council of New England (ICNE)
- Islamic Medical Association (IMA)
- Islamic Shura Council of Southern California
- Islamic Society of Greater Houston
- Islamic Society of North America (ISNA)
- Majlis Shura New York
- Muslim American Society (MAS)
- Muslim Students Association of the US and Canada
- The National Community



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>207</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/19991128073751/http://justiceforall.org/organizations.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>208</sup>https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/display 990/363869749/2011 06 EO%2F36-3869749 990 201012

Some of the prominent organizations that constituted KTF and have their share of radicalization and terror funding/ associated with radical and banned organizations:

## i) American Muslim Council (AMC)

American Muslim Council (AMC) was a non-profit socio-political organization incorporated on July 12, 1990.<sup>209</sup> As per its website, (which is now defunct), AMC indulged in activities such as lobbying the Congress for American Muslims, opening chapters in every state, encouraging American Muslim men & women in political participation, and developing consistent & pro-active relations with American media.<sup>210</sup>

AMC's co-founder and Executive Director, Abdurahman Alamoudi is an Eritrean-born biochemist, who moved to the US in 1979-80. In the US he founded several Muslim organizations including AMC and American Muslim Foundation. As per the FBI, Alamoudi had ties with the Islamic Call Society, which had connections with the Libyan government.

After founding AMC, Alamoudi had become a recognized face at the White House and Pentagon and maintained relations with both Democrats and Republicans as he indulged in lobbying Congress. <sup>211</sup> <sup>212</sup> Since early 2000, Alamoudi had become a regular visitor to Libya via Great Britain. However, on August 16, 2003, he was caught with USD 3,40,000 at the London Airport. Later, it was unraveled that Alamoudi was funneling money from Libya which was financed by Moammar Gadhafi to assassinate Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince, Abdullah al-Saud. In October 2003, Alamoudi pled guilty to money laundering and terrorism support and was imprisoned for 23 years. <sup>213</sup> <sup>214</sup>

## ii) Council of American Islamic Organizations (CAIR)

• Council of American Islamic Organizations (CAIR) is one of the leading Islamic organizations in the USA, was formed in 1994 out of the Islamic Association of Palestine (IAP), which glorified Hamas and raised funds for the terror outfit in the US. <sup>215</sup> CAIR's founder Nihad Awad, who served as a top official of IAP, whose Dallas-based office was in contact with the conspirator of the World Trade Center bombing in 1993. <sup>216</sup> IAP became defunct in 2004, while CAIR continues to function in the USA with several active chapters. On the surface, CAIR operates under the tag

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>209</sup> https://opencorporates.com/companies/us\_dc/EXTUID\_2816441

 $<sup>^{210}\</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/19961022161339/http://www.amermuslim.org/docs/brochure.htm$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>211</sup> https://www.pbs.org/weta/crossroads/about/show the brotherhood film.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>212</sup>https://www.fpri.org/article/2011/12/muslim-brotherhood-organizations-in-america-goals-ideologies-and-strategies/

<sup>213</sup> https://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A36718-2004Oct15.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>214</sup>https://archives.fbi.gov/archives/news/pressrel/press-releases/u.s.-announces-plea-in-terrorism-financing-case

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>215</sup>https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CREC-1996-06-13/html/CREC-1996-06-13-pt1-PgE1081-4.htm

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>216</sup>https://www.google.com/books/edition/The Future of Terrorism/5h6SJ1iWdvgC?hl=en&gbpv=1&dq=cair+&pg=PA50&printsec=frontcover

of a civil rights group but has deep-rooted links with the Muslim Brotherhood-created network.

- In 2007, CAIR was named as unindicted co-conspirators in the federal criminal prosecution of the Holy Land Foundation (HLF) for financing the terror outfit Hamas via donations on its website that redirected to HLF's website. <sup>217</sup> <sup>218</sup> Holy Land Foundation, which was the subject of US Treasury designations. <sup>219</sup> The US Government estimated that from 1995-to 2001, Holy Land Foundation sent USD 12.4 million out from the United States to donate funds, goods, and services to the terrorist group Hamas. <sup>220</sup> Five Holy Land Foundation officials: Shukri Abu Baker, Mohammad El-Mezain, Ghassan Elashi, Mufid Abdulqader, and Abdulrahman Odeh were found guilty by a U.S. court on the charge of providing "material support to Hamas." <sup>221</sup>
- In 2014, CAIR was amongst the 82 groups around the world to be designated as a terror group by the UAE for having links with Hamas, the militant wing of the Muslim Brotherhood. <sup>222</sup>
- CAIR is vocal in Kashmir and has held protests and events against it in the USA. On August 10, 2019, the Georgia chapter of CAIR organized a protest along with the Pak-backed organizations Stand With Kashmir (SWK), ICNA CSJ, and other entities including Jewish Voice for Peace, Project South, Burmese Rohingya Community of Georgia. The event was coordinated by Sameera Fazili, who was appointed in the Biden administration as deputy assistant to the US President and Deputy Director of the National Economic Council at the White House. 223 224

(Sameera Fazili is also the cousin of Hafsa Kanjwal, who is one of the founders of Stand with Kashmir and groomed by the Pakistani embassy in the US and Ghulam Nabi Fai since her early age).

In August 2020, the Philadelphia chapter of CAIR hosted a webinar on Kashmir and invited the founder of Stand With Kashmir (SWK), Hafsa Kanjwal, who was groomed by the Pakistani embassy in the US and ISI mole Ghulam Nabi Fai since her childhood. <sup>225</sup> On August 5, 2021, CAIR National organized a rally for Kashmir

<sup>217</sup> https://www.eff.org/files/filenode/savagevcair/cair19.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>218</sup> https://oig.justice.gov/reports/2013/e0707r-summary.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>219</sup> https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/terrorist-illicit-finance/Pages/protecting-charities

 $<sup>{\</sup>color{blue}^{220}} \; \underline{http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions\%5Cpub\%5C09/09-10560-CR0.wpd.pdf}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>221</sup> https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/federal-judge-hands-downs-sentences-holy-land-foundation-case

<sup>222</sup> https://www.foxnews.com/us/us-group-cair-named-terrorist-organization-by-united-arab-emirates

https://theprint.in/world/joe-biden-names-indian-american-sameera-fazili-as-deputy-director-of-national-economic-council/586555/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>224</sup>https://www.cair.com/press releases/cair-georgia-to-co-sponsor-standwithkashmir-march-on-saturday-august-10th/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>225</sup> https://pa.cair.com/events/kashmir/

outside the Indian Embassy in collaboration with World Kashmir Awareness Forum (WKAF), with which Ghulam Nabi Fai is still associated as Secretary-General; ICNACSJ, USCMO, and Kashmir Solidarity Council. <sup>226</sup>



• In February 2021, Hassan Shibly, the Executive Director of CAIR Florida resigned after his wife Imane Sadrati publicly accused him of domestic violence in a video. <sup>227</sup> 228

#### iii) Council of Islamic Organizations of Chicago (CIOC)

- CIOGC is a Chicago-based coalition of over 60 organizations ranging from mosques to Islamic schools and community organizations based in the Chicagoland region. Some of the prominent ones include Indian American Muslim Council (IAMC), ICNA, Muslim American Society (MAS), Zakat Foundation America, HHRD USA, and IMANA. <sup>229</sup> It was established in 1992 with EIN: 36-3869749 and became taxexempt in September 1995. <sup>230</sup> <sup>231</sup>
- The founder of CIOGC is Mohammad Kaiseruddin, who is currently the chairman of CIOGC's subsidiary organization, Zakat Chicago, and vice chairman of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>226</sup> https://twitter.com/CAIRNational/status/1422954581840044036

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>227</sup>https://www.wmfe.org/cair-floridas-executive-director-resigns-after-wife-sues-for-domestic-violence-injunction/173386

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>228</sup>https://www.npr.org/2021/04/15/984572867/muslim-civil-rights-leader-accused-of-harassment-misconduct

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>229</sup> https://www.ciogc.org/members-and-representatives/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>230</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/20210120224129/https://www.ciogc.org/about-us/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>231</sup> https://www.guidestar.org/profile/36-3869749

Downtown Islamic Center (DIC). <sup>232</sup>Kaiseruddin is a pass out from Osmania University, Hyderabad with a degree in Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering (Year- 1961-65). <sup>233</sup>

- Halil Demir, who was appointed as the new board member of CIOGC in 2017 is the leader of The Zakat Foundation of America (TZFA), which is Chicago based and as per its website describes itself as a "Muslim-run charity organization that channels the spirit of zakat into a global vision of social development." Halil Demir is a Turkish origin citizen and founder of the Zakat Foundation of America in 2001. <sup>234</sup> Zakat Foundation of America is a member organization of CIOGC. <sup>235</sup> Additionally, Halil Demir was the Public Relations Officer and signing officer of a Chicago-based Benevolence International Foundation (BIF) having several offices including in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Pakistan, China, and Chechnya Ingushetia in the Russian Federation. <sup>236</sup> <sup>237</sup>
- In 2002, the US Treasury designated BIF and two other entities for financing terrorist outfits such as Al Qaeda and other violent groups. BIF's Chief Executive Director (CEO), Enaam Arnaout, and Al Qaeda chief Osama Bin Laden had a close relationship and the former often disbursed funds on the latter's behalf. <sup>238</sup> Later, it was revealed that Enaam was authorized to sign on Bin Laden's behalf. In addition, Arnaout pled guilty to using BIF funds to support fighters in Bosnia and Chechnya.
- Moreover, some of the members of CIOGC including Dr. Bassam Osman was a member of ISNA Shura, and Zahid Mohsin was the President of ICNA Chicago for four years. <sup>240</sup>
- CIOGC's subsidiary entity Zakat Chicago also comprises the President of Indian Muslim Relief & Charities (IMRC), Shaik Maqsood Quadri. <sup>241</sup> <sup>242</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>232</sup> https://www.ciogc.org/find-a-khateeb/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>233</sup> https://www.linkedin.com/in/mohammed-kaiseruddin-526a1929/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>234</sup> https://www.zakat.org/about-us/our-team

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>235</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/20180302151838/http://www.ciogc.org/about-us/our-team/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>236</sup>https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/1267/aq\_sanctions\_list/summaries/entity/benevolence-international-foundation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>237</sup> https://pdf.guidestar.org/PDF Images/2001/363/823/2001-363823186-1-9.pdf#page=5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>238</sup> https://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/po3632.aspx

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>239</sup> https://www.investigativeproject.org/case/106/us-v-benevolence-international-foundation-et-al

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>240</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/20180302151838/http://www.ciogc.org/about-us/our-team/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>241</sup> https://zakatchicago.com/about-us/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>242</sup> https://www.linkedin.com/in/shaikguadri/

## iv) Islamic Medical Association (IMA)

- Established in 1967 as Islamic Medical Association (IMA), the name was subsequently changed to the Islamic Medical Association of North America (IMANA). IMANA was founded by the core members of the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA). Although no Islamic civil-rights group in the USA calls its direct association with the Muslim Brotherhood, they continue to operate as front organizations with multiple organizational backing and following.
- IMANA espouses the vision of the Islamic Shura Council and its member organizations such as the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA)- an MB front, Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA)- Pak & Jamaat wing in the US. <sup>243</sup> One of the core objectives of IMANA in the early 2000s was to appreciate and propagate Islam across the globe. <sup>244</sup>
- IMANA works in tandem with Pakistan's Al-Mustafa Welfare Trust (AMT), which is part of the country's Milbus military capital. In addition, IMANA's operations director Zahid Mahmood is an Ex-Pakistani Naval Officer who has also served in Pakistan International Airlines. <sup>245</sup>
- Rasheed Ahmed, the current Executive Director of Indian American Muslim Council (IAMC), (which was slapped with the UAPA for espousing communal rift during Tripura violence) was the Executive Director of IMANA between November 2008-October 2017 for nine years. 246
- Moreover, IMANA managed to raise millions of funds on the goodwill of India. As a result, it received funds from all over the world, including from countries where India had sent Covid vaccines. While IMANA cashed on India's goodwill and collaborated with legally ineligible NGOs, it also offered no accounts of the total funds collected during the "Help India Breathe" campaign. There has been little demand from either media or the community for these. Besides, it funds the Al-Khidmat Foundation, a charitable arm of JeI. [247] It is the same organization that aids militancy supports Hizbul Mujahideen and funds Hamas. [248]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>243</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/20000410115821/http://imana.org/whatis.htm

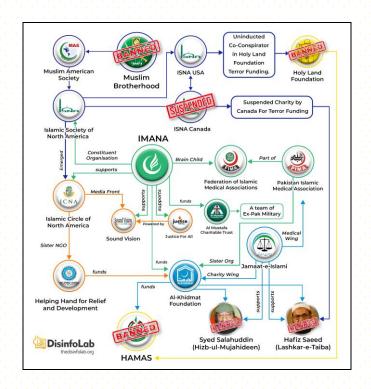
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>244</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/20000605125024/http://imana.org/objectives.htm

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>245</sup> https://www.linkedin.com/in/zahid-mahmood-33a5b415/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>246</sup> https://www.linkedin.com/in/raasheedahmed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>247</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/20200923184501/http://jamaat.org/en/news\_detail.php?article\_id=298

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>248</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/20071003065109/http://www.jamaat.org/news/2006/aug/17/1001.html



## **Chapter 11- Jamaat initiative backed by Pakistan**

JFA gave space to Ghulam Nabi Fai on its website to write blogs on Kashmir and Abdul Malik Mujahid interviewed Fai on JFA's platform. But there was more to that, a much larger picture which included the involvement of the Pakistani Deep-state i.e., the government of Pakistan and its think tanks being endorsed and mentioned on the home page of JFA.

After carrying out Bosnia Task Force and Kosova Task Force successfully, both of which were initiated by the US Jamaat arm, ICNA, and hosted on the website <a href="www.justiceforall.org">www.justiceforall.org</a>. Justice For All as an entity was on April 27, 1999. And its early version of the website showed its division into two main sections: <sup>249</sup>

- i) Kashmir &
- ii) Kosova Task Force



Since the formation of JFA as an entity in 1999, the website had been a key source-point of all the pro-Pak and Pak govt. websites.

## JFA's toolkit on Kashmir:

Starting from the Kashmir section, JFA gave a five-pointer guideline/ toolkit for actions on Kashmir that suited the narrative of Pakistan. The guidelines were more of Pakistan's playbook on the Kashmir agenda, while white-washing Pakistan's role in cross-border terrorism. At the same time, the toolkit doesn't mention anything about cross-border terrorism, especially the militant groups such as Lashkar-e-Taiba and Hizbul Mujahideen that formed in the 1990s.

<sup>249</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/19991013144032/http://justiceforall.org/



The five-pointer guidelines also included writing letters to the politicians regarding the Kashmir conflict (against India). Other guidelines included making presentations to the politicians, talking to academics, and staying in touch with the US and Canadian governments.

In addition, JFA mentioned two organizations to look upon for understanding and taking action on the Kashmir conflict against India.

- i) Kashmir American Council (KAC)
- ii) Kashmir Canadian Council (KCC)

## **Kashmir American Council (KAC)**

KAC is the brainchild of the ISI mole Ghulam Nabi Fai, who is the fulcrum of ISI's operations on Kashmir against India. He was the key person connected to any and every trajectory that ISI and Pak have been carrying out on Kashmir. Fai registered KAC on April 13, 1990, and used the entity to carry out the operations of lobbying and influencing the high-flying individuals on the Kashmir conflict. But on July 19, 2011, Fai was arrested for concealing the transfer of USD 3.5 million from ISI to KAC for carrying out his lobbying activities. The members of KAC were the key proponents of generation 1 of the Kashmir conflict industry, which now has perpetuated to their second-generation where their kids are running the industry. Moreover, Fai wrote blogs on the website of JFA <sup>250</sup> and Mujahid corroborated Fai's Kashmir agenda against India. Cut to the present, Fai appeared as a guest on a Muslim TV network owned by Sound Vision to pursue his Kashmir agenda.

## Kashmiri Canadian Council (KCC)

Kashmir Canadian Council (KCC) was a non-profit entity that as per its website claimed "to promote the Kashmiri cause, both within Canada and internationally" and draw the attention of G-7 leaders, Commonwealth nations, and the Canadian government towards the self-determination of Kashmir from India (but not Pakistan). The founding directors of KCC were **Mushtaq A Jeelani, Haroon Bhabha**, and **Muhammad Ashraf**, however, KCC is now inactive at present (<a href="http://www.kashmiri-cc./">http://www.kashmiri-cc./</a>). 252

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>250</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/20001205214200/http:/www.justiceforall.org/fai.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>251</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/20000520082034/http://www.kashmiri-cc.ca/

<sup>252</sup> https://www.companiesofcanada.com/person/690864/mushtaq-jeelani

**Mushtaq Jeelani,** a Toronto-based activist active on the lines of Kashmir. He founded three organizations in Canada i.e., Kashmir Canadian Council (KCC), Kashmir Relief Fund of Canada Inc. (KRFC), and Kashmiri Peace and Justice Forum (PJF). In 2003, the All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) decided to open its branches overseas namely in New York, London, Toronto, and Brussels. Therefore, APHC appointed Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front's Barrister Majid Tramboo to head the office in Brussels, Dr. Ayyub Thakur to head the London office, Ghulam Nabi Fai to run its New York office, and entrusted Mushtaq Jeelani to run the Hurriyat office in Toronto (Canada). Jeelani was in cahoots with APHC and a regular visitor to Pakistan. <sup>253</sup>

### **KCC** in terror-financing

In August 2013, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) launched an investigation and subsequently revoked the registration of the ISNA Development Foundation. <sup>254</sup> ISNA Development Foundation was working in tandem with KCC and another Canada-based organization Kashmir Relief Fund of Canada Inc. (KRFC) founded by Mushtaq Jeelani. <sup>255</sup> KCC & KRFC got in funding arrangement for a Pak-based entity, Relief Organization for Kashmiri Muslims (ROKM) in the name of providing funds for "relief work" for which an amount of USD 281,696 was disbursed to ROKM. During the investigation, CRA noted that ROKM is the charitable wing of JeI, whose militant organization Hizbul Mujahideen is banned in several countries for its terror activities. The funds sent to ROKM could have been used to support the political efforts of JeI and/or its armed wing, Hizbul Mujahideen. <sup>256</sup>

### JFA- Pakistan Govt & ISI

A little hover on the 1999 archived website of JFA shows another organization named Kashmir Information Network (KIN). Clicking on the link redirects to a website *pakgovnet-kashmir*.<sup>257</sup> PAKGOVNET Kashmir Information Network is an international e-mail and webbased information medium maintained by the Ministry of Information, Government of Pakistan. KIN was formed on January 26, 1999, the same year JFA was established as an entity.

A couple of more options on JFA's 1999 website reveal it Pakistan government connection.<sup>258</sup> The section "Kashmir Books Online" had two books listed and when both were clicked upon individually, redirected to www.pak.gov.pk <sup>259</sup> <sup>260</sup> the official website of

<sup>256</sup> https://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/1136.pdf#page=69

259 https://web.archive.org/web/19991012140537/http://pak.gov.pk/kashmir/alastairlamb.htm

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>253</sup> https://www.jammu-kashmir.com/archives/archives2003/kashmir20030615c.html

https://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/canada-revokes-registration-of-2-charities-over-funding-of-hizbul-mujahideen/story-7SihW05rMKPcCqTxChbFNN.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>255</sup> https://opengovca.com/corporation/3205797

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>257</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/20010502081800/http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pakgovnet-kashmir/

<sup>258</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/19991013144032/http://justiceforall.org/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>260</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/19991117203812/http://www.pak.gov.pk/kashmir/kashmir-korbel.htm

Pakistan managed by the Cyber Wing, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of Pakistan. <sup>261</sup>



While "A short Bibliography on Kashmir" section when clicked upon redirects to a new page with a list of books/ works by Pakistani thinktanks such as the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Institute of Regional Studies, Islamabad. <sup>262</sup>

#### **Islamabad Policy Studies**

One prominent thinktank on JFA's website in the early 2000s was Islamabad Policy Studies (IPS). As per its website, IPS is a non-profit civil society organization formed in 1979 by former senator and economist Khurshid Ahmed. Khurshid Ahmed is known as the father of modern Islamic economics and Islamic capitalism. <sup>263</sup> He served as the Chairman and is currently the Patron-in-Chief of IPS. 264

Khurshid Ahmad spent half his life in Pakistan where he established IPS in 1979. 265 After completing his education, he joined Jamiat-e-Talaba in 1949 and became its national

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>261</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/20050531013142/http://www.infopak.gov.pk/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>262</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/20000506143005/http://justiceforall.org/books.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>263</sup> https://alchetron.com/Khurshid-Ahmad-(scholar)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>264</sup> https://www.ips.org.pk/ips-team/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>265</sup> https://www.ips.org.pk/about-ips/ips-at-a-glance/

president from 1953 to 55. He then joined Jamaat-e-Islami in the subsequent years and went on to become one of the deputy leaders and communicators for JeI outside Pakistan. He went to England in 1966 as a research scholar at the University of Leicester. In 1968, he cofounded The Islamic Foundation with 1971 war criminal Khurram Murad. Islamic Foundation is known as the UK-based thinktank of Jamaat-e-Islami. <sup>266</sup>

It is to be noted that in the 2016 Senate report of Pakistan, IPRI and IPS were the two Pakistani thinktanks entrusted with studying India's fault lines on Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Dalits, and growing Maoist insurgency, for Pakistan to exploit. The report other than studying the Indian fault lines also envisaged "Comprehensive outreach to those segments of Indian public opinion which are opposed to Modi's extremism and his anti-Pakistan policies including political parties, media, civil society organizations, and human rights groups" and "hold special briefings for the Foreign Media and the social media should also be utilized for publicizing Jammu and Kashmir issue". <sup>267</sup>

<sup>266</sup> https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1057/9780230378230 7?noAccess=true

<sup>267</sup> https://senate.gov.pk/uploads/documents/1614254821 603.pdf

# **Chapter 12- YesPakistan and Human Development Foundation**

The archived website of JFA gives further linkages of Pakistani imprints and agendas. If one clicked on the 'Kashmir section' of the archived version of JFA's website, one gets redirected to another website YesPakistan.org. The website of YesPakistan.org was one of the resources of a US-based organization "Human Development Foundation of North America" (HDFNA), which was launched by the Pakistani Americans in 1997 on the occasion of Pakistan's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Independence. <sup>268</sup> <sup>269</sup>



Both JFA and YesPakistan shared the same toolkit on Kashmir on their websites. The other section, that of Kashmir had an additional element with the "5 things for Kashmir". The other element in the Kashmir section was "Kashmir Resources" which redirected to yet another Pakistani website YesPakistan.com.<sup>270</sup> (It is likely the sister site of *yespkistan.org*)



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>268</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/20030212152322/http://espakistan.com/

<sup>269</sup> https://www.hdf.com/p/5/who-we-are

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>270</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/20020602201414/http://www.justiceforall.org/

#### Note:

Currently, the website of Sound Vision contains the same methodical pamphlet of "Five Things You Can do for Kashmir", <sup>271</sup> which was also seen in the old archives of JFA. And the very same pamphlet was present on the website of YesPakistan. <sup>272</sup>



HDFNA in the US is a not-for-profit organization incorporated under the Illinois General Not for Profit Corporation Act of 1986. The key people on the board of HDF since its incorporation were Muhammad Khalid Riyaz, (member of APPNA and founder of PAK PAC) & Nasim Ashraf, and Akram Choudhry. Some of the tasks of the HDF majorly included mobilizing Pakistani-Americans and Muslims across the US, establishing YesPakistan.org to form a virtual community, and bringing it to the forefront of the national agenda for the policymakers in Pakistan. <sup>273</sup>

#### Note:

ICNA is the USA-based Pak association which is mentioned on the website of YesPakistam.org  $^{274}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>271</sup> https://www.soundvision.com/article/5-things-you-can-do-for-kashmir

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>272</sup>https://web.archive.org/web/20030207043730/http://www.yespakistan.com/kashmir/for\_kashmir.asp

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>273</sup>https://web.archive.org/web/20030328023009/http://www.yespakistan.com/hdf/whoweare/introduction.asp

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>274</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/20030216065452/http://www.yespakistan.com/directory/

### **HDF Pakistan**

Human Development Foundation Pakistan was established on June 1, 1999, with the name Human Development Pakistan, then changed to HDF. The national office of HDF Pakistan was opened in Rawalpindi and Khalid Riyaz was elected as the first Chairperson. <sup>275</sup>

Other than Khalid Riyaz, the HDF board comprises some retired Pakistan army veterans. The Vice-Chairman of HDF is **Lt. Gen Anis Ahmed Abbasi**, who worked in the Pakistan military for 36 years and is a recipient of Hilal-i-Imtiaz Military (HiM) – the highest honor awarded to military officers in Pakistan.

Another member is **Air Marshal (R) Riazuddin Shaikh**, who was a former PAF Deputy Chief of Air Staff, Air Officer Commanding, Inspector, and Deputy Inspector General & Base Commander. He has been the Chairman of the Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Human Resource & Skill Development Board (BBSHRSDB). He was also a member of the Steering Committee, Benazir Housing Scheme, Government of Sindh, and Ex-member BOD.

**Maj Gen (R) Dr. Farrukh Seir,** another member of the Board of Directors has served in various positions in the Pakistan army. In addition, he has served as the Chief Executive of tertiary care teaching hospitals of the Pakistan Army and a member of the Board of Studies Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad. <sup>276</sup>



HDF was formed with the sponsorship of three prominent organizations in the US in 1997: The Association of Pakistani Physicians of North America (APPNA), the Society for International Health, Education and Literacy Programs (SIH), and the Noor Foundation. <sup>277</sup>

<sup>277</sup>https://web.archive.org/web/20030328023009/http://www.yespakistan.com/hdf/whoweare/introduction.asp

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>275</sup>https://web.archive.org/web/20030207192841/http://www.yespakistan.com/HDF/whoweare/history.asp

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>276</sup> https://www.hdfpk.com/our-leadership/

#### a. APPNA

One of the earliest organizations formed by Pakistan expatriates in the US, the Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America (APPNA) has emerged as one of the largest communities for global Pakistani citizens. Since its formation in 1977, APPNA has launched several programs and entities. The key person of APPNA, Muhammad Khalid Riyaz was one of the three members and cofounder of HDF in 1997.

In August 2001, General Pervez Musharraf, the 10<sup>th</sup> President of Pakistan formed a Task force for Human Development and appointed three members of HDF i.e., Co-Chairs **Nasim Ashraf** and **Khalid Riyaz**, and secretary **Musadik Malik**.

**Khalid Riyaz** is the former President of APPNA and founder of PAK PAC, which pursues the vested interests and influence of Pakistan in the US via lobbying. For instance, holding events and seminars on Kashmir secession from India.

**Nasim Ashraf** is a former cricketer and former chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) from 2006 to 2008. He lives in Islamabad and was credited by Pervez Musharraf for reforming madrassas in rural areas of Pakistan via the new Task Force created by then Pakistan President Musharraf.<sup>278</sup>

**Musadik Malik** was the secretary of HDF and remained on the board from 1997-to 2003. <sup>279</sup> He served as the spokesperson and Special assistant to the former Pakistan Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif between 2014-and 17. Besides, Musadik has been a member of the Senate of Pakistan and also served as Federal Minister of Water and Power during Pakistan's caretaker Prime Minister Mir Hazar Khan Khoso's tenure in 2013. <sup>280</sup>

## b. Society for International Help (Health, Education and Literacy Program)-SIH

SIH is a tax-exempt charity in New York and the sister organization of a Pakistan-based NGO **Tameer-e-Millat Foundation**, which was founded in 1987. Both TMF and SIH were founded by a Pakistani national **Dr. Zaheer Ahmed (Late)**. Zaheer Ahmed is best known for having found Shifa International Hospital in Islamabad and Shifa Foundation in 1992, followed by establishing Shifa College of Medicine, Shifa College of Nursing, and Shifa Tameer-e-Millat University (STMU). <sup>281</sup>

#### **Zaheer Ahmad in FBI investigation**

Ahmad's shrouded past was unconcealed in the FBI affidavit against the ISI-mole Ghulam Nabi Fai, when he was accused and later convicted of funnelling funds worth USD 3.5 million from Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) between 1990-2011. <sup>282</sup> Zaheer

<sup>281</sup> https://www.tmfpakistan.org/sister-organizations/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>278</sup>https://www.nytimes.com/2004/02/15/international/asia/an-interview-with-pakistan-president-pervez-musharraf.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>279</sup> https://www.guidestar.org/ViewEdoc.aspx?eDocId=3263320&approved=True

<sup>280</sup> https://www.dawn.com/news/800064

<sup>282</sup> https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/253434-kac-affidavit#document/p10/a33902

Ahmad was the second accused alongside Fai, who knew people at the ISI and helped to channel funds from Pakistan to Fai's Kashmiri American Council (KAC) by recruiting straw donors. The funds were later used to lobby Congressmen on Kashmir and influence them against India. <sup>283</sup> Fai was detained and convicted to jail for approx. two years, while Ahmad remained free and lived in Pakistan. <sup>284</sup>

## Ahmad and Osama Bin Laden before the 9/11 attacks

In addition, Ahmad met Osama Bin Laden just a month before the 9/11 attacks took place in the US. The meeting took place in the presence of Sultan Bashiruddin Mahmood, former head of nuclear power at Pakistan's Atomic energy Commission. Others at the meeting were Ayman al-Zawahiri (founder of Egyptian Islamic Jihad), and Pakistani nuclear engineer Chaudiri Abdul Majeed. The meeting was held at the behest of the Taliban where Osama Bin Laden was a guest, looking for nuclear weapons. <sup>285</sup>

Following the meeting, Bashiruddin Mahmood was put under house arrest by the Pakistani government just after the 9/11 attacks took place. <sup>286</sup>

### SIH accused of false financial statements

Sheikh Javed Rehmat, the then-treasurer of SIH was imprisoned for five years on July 18, 2014, on the charges of making false statements surrounding the financial transactions of SIH. In his statement, Rehmat admitted to purchasing USD 8 million worth of shares of stock from Yassin Al-Kadi/al-Qadi and his company Muwaffaq Limited and sending over USD 3.33 million out of them to a charitable organization in Pakistan. <sup>287</sup> Yassin Al-Kadi is a Saudi businessman listed as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist by the U.S. Department of Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control, since 2001. <sup>288</sup>

Muwaffaq Limited was a charitable organization that hit headlines in 2001 for funding al-Qaeda. However, al-Kadi denied his association with the organization, as well as links with terror outfits. <sup>289</sup>

Two months after Zaheer Ahmad was charged by the FBI for influencing the US officials along with Fai, he died of a brain hemorrhage on October 7, 2011, in Islamabad. His funeral was led by the former chief of Jamaat-e-Islami, Qazi Hussain Ahmed, and other politicians.

 $<sup>\</sup>underline{^{283}}\ \underline{https://usatoday30.usatoday.com/news/washington/2011-07-19-pakistan-spies-lobbying\_n.htm}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>284</sup>https://archives.fbi.gov/archives/washingtondc/press-releases/2011/two-charged-with-conspiring-to-act-as-unregistered-agents-of-pakistani-government

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>285</sup>https://web.archive.org/web/20111006001403/http://www.hindustantimes.com/Fai-s-moneybag-met-Osama-before-9-11/H1-Article1-753671.aspx

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>286</sup>https://www.propublica.org/article/man-accused-in-pakistani-spy-plot-dies

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>287</sup>https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/treasurer-charitable-organization-pleads-guilty-making-false-statements

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<sup>289</sup> https://www.chicagotribune.com/chi-0110160282oct16-story.html

 $^{290}$  It is worth noting that IMANA, which duped millions of Indians in the name of COVID-19 help works jointly with Zaheer Ahmad's Al Shifa Hospital in Pakistan.  $^{291}$ 

#### Trivia:

Yassin Al Qadi is an Egyptian-born Saudi national who was at one time flagged by the US Treasury and the UN al-Qaeda sanction committee. Al-Qadi was later removed from the UN list, followed by the US Treasury delisting his name. Qadi, the one-time Al-Qaeda financer was encouraged by the Turkish government to bid in tenders for the privatization of thermal power plants and other investments in Turkey. The key person on behalf of Turkey to delegate with Al Qadi for investment projects was Ilker Ayci, the former Chairman of Turkish Airlines. <sup>292</sup> Ilker Ayci was supposed to become the Managing Director of Air India airlines in February 2022. <sup>293</sup> However, his closeness with the Turkish establishment and Yasin El Qadi/ Al Kadi propelled him to not take up the job at Air India. <sup>294</sup>

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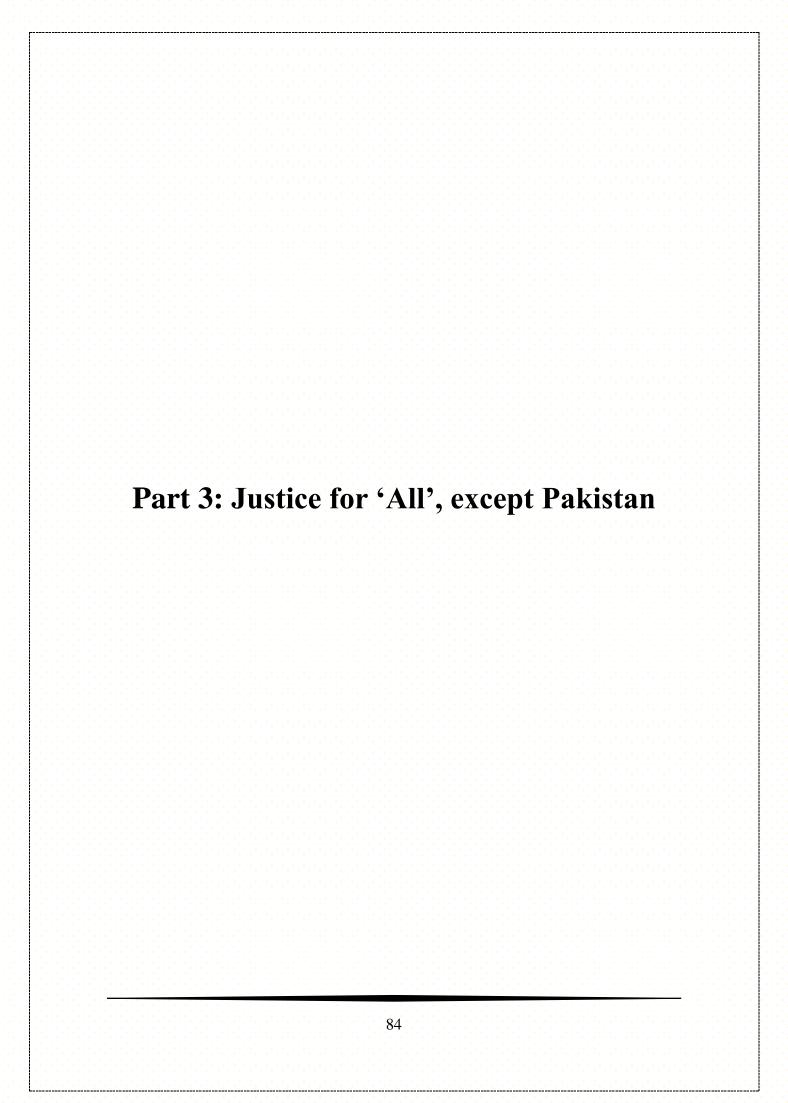
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<sup>291</sup> http://fimaweb.net/documents/2016-newsletters/201601-fima-newsletter-jan-feb.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>292</sup>https://atalayar.com/en/content/corruption-investigation-uncovers-past-links-between-turkey-and-al-qaeda

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>293</sup> https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/who-is-ilker-ayci-air-india-ceo-7774451/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>294</sup>https://www.business-standard.com/article/companies/ilker-ayci-turns-down-tata-group-s-offer-to-be-new-air-india-ceo-122030200018 1.html



## Ch 13- Justice for 'All': Hundred Headed Hydra

The grandiose name notwithstanding, JFA's main target has been India. And one of the key facts that give away JFA as a Pakistani project is the absence of any Pakistani concern at all. Not even in name. This is even though JFA has fronts created for far-away places from Kosovo Task Force to Bosnia Task Force. At present, JFA has several projects running under its umbrella from the Sri Lanka task Force, Free Kashmir, Save Uyghur, Free Shabir Shah, Save India, Faith Coalition, and Burma Task Force. Before these projects, JFA was running -Burma Muslims and BD Alert (Bangladesh).

But not a single project for Pakistan.

## A. Free Kashmir

One of the fronts formed in 2019 was Free Kashmir, which was formed after the Indian government revoked article 370 in Kashmir on August 5, 2019. JFA initiated campaigns in response to the decision by the Indian government through Free Kashmir. The launch of Free Kashmir was done via a series of protests in front of various Indian government buildings in the US. JFA held its first protest via Free Kashmir on August 7, 2019, just two days after the scrapping of article 370. The website domain of the Free Kashmir was registered on August 13, 2019, with the name Kashmiraction.org. <sup>295</sup> Free Kashmir started working in conjunction with organizations like **Stand with Kashmir (SWK)**, **World Kashmir Freedom Movement (WKFM)**, and **The Justice Foundation Kashmir Institute of International Affairs (JFKIIA)**. <sup>296</sup>



➤ Stand with Kashmir (SWK) is a Pak-linked US-based organization run by the second generation of Jamaat players - i.e., the children of Ghulam Nabi Fai and his colleagues at Kashmir American Council (KAC). SWK was established by Aejaz Dar, S/o Muhammad Akram Dar, who was part of Ghulam Nabi Fai's KAC. Other key

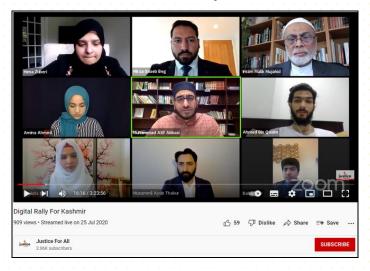
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>295</sup> https://who.is/whois/kashmiraction.org

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>296</sup> https://www.justiceforall.org/kashmirrally/

people at SWK are Hafsa Kanjwal, Sameera Fazili (D/o Yusuf Fazili, who was in KAC), and Huma Dar (Expert and Khalistan supporter). All these individuals are duly backed by Pakistan in pursuing the efforts of secession of Kashmir from India in the US.

- ➤ World Kashmir Freedom Movement (WKFM)- WKFM was one of the three companies formed by the ISI handler Muhammad Ayyub Thakur (late) in the UK to step up the 'Kashmir cause' internationally. Its first international conference was held on July 13, 1991, which was attended by Senator Mushahid Hussain. Post Ayyub Thakur's death, WKFM was dissolved and was registered again in 2016 by his son Muzzammil Ayyub Thakur, who colludes with Pakistan to fulfill the same agenda as his father.
- The Justice Foundation Kashmir Institute of International Affairs (JFKIIA)—The Justice Foundation was established by Ayyub Thakur in 2003, one year before he died of prolonged pulmonary fibrosis in March 2004. The organization was then taken over by Ghulam Nabi Fai. The organization was dissolved in 2015 <sup>297</sup> and reregistered by Muzzammil Thakur in October 2016 and renamed JFKIIA. <sup>298</sup>

For propelling the agenda on the secession of Kashmir from India, JFA engages the following people, all backed by Pakistan (also including Pakistani citizens active in Kashmir): **Sardar Masood Khan** (Pakistani Ambassador to the US), **Muzzammil Thakur** (S/o Muhammad Ayyub Thakur), and his wife **Shaista Safi** (daughter of Ghulam Muhammad Safi, who has served as the local convener of All Party Hurriyat Conference (APHC) in Muzaffarabad, PoK), **Ahmed Bin Qasim** (S/o terrorist Asiya Andrabi), **Dr. Ather Zia** (co-founder of Critical Kashmir Studies Collective), **Sardar Zulfikar Ali Khan** (Director of Kashmiri American Association). Free Kashmir held a webinar on July 25, 2020, and invited these people including Hena Zuberi and Abdul Malik Mujahid. <sup>299</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>297</sup> https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/04721478/filing-history

<sup>299</sup> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGGsGMWqcFg

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>298</sup> https://twitter.com/JFKIIA

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Before that, JFA had only engaged Muzzammil Thakur and his wife Shaista Safi via a webinar on Kashmir on May 15, 2020, which was hosted by Hena Zuberi. <sup>300</sup>



**Note:** In 2019, Syed Ali Shah Geelani (late), the former leader of the All Party Hurriyat Conference (APHC) resigned as the head of the group. It was due to a rift between Geelani and APHC (PoK) leader and Shaista Safi's father Ghulam Mohammad Safi. In 2019 Syed Geelani sacked Ghulam Md Safi and appointed Abdullah Geelani as the new APHC (PoK) convener and a former member of Hizbul Mujahideen. The rift went back to 2018 when Abdullah Geelani accused Ghulam Mohammed Safi of corruption and accused him of selling seats for medical admission of students from Kashmir, India. 301

Safi is the same person which ISI wanted to push as the replacement for Geelani. The fact that ISI was supporting him is an indication of where the funds were going in the name of Kashmir.

#### **Key People:**

- I. **Muhammad Abdul Jabbar-** Jabbar is a Pakistani national living in the US. He comes from a background of Activism, Humanitarian, Operational Planning, Non-profit Fund Development, Non-profit Organization building, Intellectual Islamic history, Islamic law, and spirituality. He holds a Ph.D. in Theology and is currently the head of the Free Kashmir project and Outreach Director at JFA since September 2019. His experience includes working at the ICNA as Human Resource Director between 2005-and 06, and before that, he was a professor at the International Islamic University, Islamabad for 20 years (June 1985-May 2005. 302
- II. **Hena Zuberi-** The Pakistani national who is associated with JFA as Director and host of the JFA Now show and host at Muslim Network TV. She is another Pakistani national leading the Free Kashmir project of JFA.

<sup>300</sup> https://www.facebook.com/JusticeForAllOrg/videos/743643169777387

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>301</sup>https://indianexpress.com/article/india/geelani-resignation-pakistan-medical-college-racket-hurriyat-conference-6490597/

<sup>302</sup> https://www.linkedin.com/in/majabbar2021/

### Pakistan and Free Kashmir collusion:

The Free Kashmir section of the JFA Canada website gives the data of civilians of Kashmir and refers to two sources for that: **Kashmir Media Service** and **CJ Werleman**. <sup>303</sup>

- I. **Kashmir Media Service (KMS)-** KMS news is a pro-Pak news outlet that covers breaking news from Kashmir and India. It is based out of Gulmarg Road Magam, in Kashmir. <sup>304</sup> However, its stems go to Pakistan as the domain was registered in Islamabad by **Shaikh Tajmmul Islam (late)**, who was the Director of the organization. <sup>305</sup> Tajmmul Islam lived in Srinagar before migrating to Pakistan in the 1980s. He was credited to have organized students of Kashmir under the banner of Jamiat-e-Talaba in the 1980s. In addition, he also served as the chief editor of, Daily Azan, an official subsidiary of Jama'at-e-Islami. He passed away in September 2021. <sup>306</sup> In September 2021, the Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) Police had stated the news platforms including KMS news, which they said is run by Pakistan for running fake news and videos to instigate violence following the death of former APHC leader Syed Ali Geelani. <sup>307</sup> Moreover, the outlet gives space to Ghulam Nabi Fai to write on its platform. <sup>308</sup>
- II. **CJ Werleman-** Werleman is an Australian journalist and fake news peddler, who has a history of plagiarizing the works of writers such as Fareed Zakaria, William Broyles Jr., Robert Pape, and Eduardo Porter. <sup>309</sup> He has repeatedly peddled fake news on Kashmir, as well as Palestine. He also called for Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement (BDS movement) against India on November 23, 2021. <sup>310</sup>

## B. Burma Task Force (BTF)

Burma Task Force (BTF) was formed in 2012 as a coalition of 38 US and Canadian organizations, including its parent organization JFA. The organizations that constituted Bosnia Task Force and Kosova Task Force in the past came together in 2012 for BTF. The key people behind the formation comprised 1971 war criminal **Ashrafuzzaman Khan** (who led the Queen's chapter of ICNA New York), **Shaik Ubaid, Seemi Ahmad, and Shahnawaz Khan** (Director- CIOGC), and **Abdul Malik Mujahid**, who became the in-charge of BTF.<sup>311</sup>

<sup>303</sup> https://who.is/whois/kmsnews.org

<sup>304</sup> https://www.facebook.com/Kashmir-Media-Service-KMS-284283215347278/

<sup>305</sup> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cl5idckhPA

<sup>306</sup> https://kashmirobserver.net/2021/09/07/132943/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>307</sup>https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2021/sep/08/jk-police-carries-out-searches-at-houses-of-fourjournalists-2356015.html

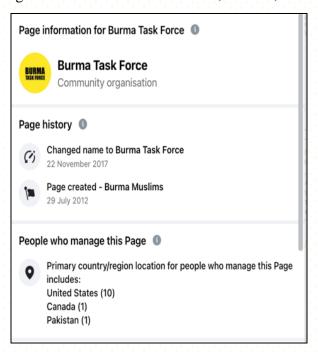
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>308</sup>https://www.kmsnews.org/kms/2022/02/17/justice-not-a-vocation-for-weak-hearted-whether-in-kashmir-or-elsewhere-dr-fai.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>309</sup>https://www.gspellchecker.com/2014/10/cj-werleman-misrepresentation-dubious-ethics-and-unoriginal-hackery/

<sup>310</sup> https://twitter.com/cjwerleman/status/1463047841081741312

 $<sup>^{311}\</sup>underline{https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/burmamuslims/pages/54/attachments/original/1346189302/BurmaActionAlert81912.pdf?1346189302$ 

Its website was first registered as BurmaMuslims.org and its Facebook page was created with the name Burma Muslims on July 29, 2012. The name changed to Burma Task Force in 2017 and the FB page is managed in three countries: the USA, Canada, and Pakistan. <sup>312</sup>



The Director of BTF is **Paul Adam Carroll**, who joined BTF as New York and UN Program Director in June 2013. He is the founder of the Muslim Consultative Network and previously worked at ICNA relief USA as the 9/11 Disaster Program Director from August 2001 to January 2006. Before that, he also worked as Assistant to the Director at Amnesty International USA from Jan 1995 to May 1996. 313

#### **BTF Canada**

Burma Task Force Canada was formed in 2016 with the alliance of 20 organizations from Canada and constituted by the Rohingya Burmese Muslim Groups, Kashmiri leaders, and Uyghur leaders to work in their respective areas. <sup>314</sup> One of the organizations which are part of the coalition is ISNA Canada, whose charity status was revoked for one year in 2018, along with an additional fine of USD 550,000 for funding the organization with links to Hizbul Mujahideen. <sup>315</sup>

## BTF Lobbying efforts against India

Just like BTF USA, BTF Canada runs campaigns and engages in lobbying efforts, holds rallies, conducts meetings with parliamentarians, and gets media stories covered in Canada.

<sup>312</sup> https://www.facebook.com/BurmaTaskForce

<sup>313</sup> https://www.linkedin.com/in/paul-adam-carroll-37544517a/details/experience/

https://www.burmataskforce.ca/about.html

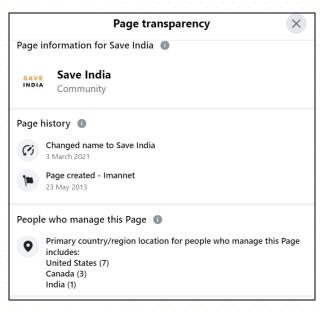
 $<sup>{}^{315}\</sup>underline{https://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/canada-group-fined-over-terror-funding-report/story-}\\ \underline{TZB42XCTwish88ydkFkAxM.html}$ 

One classic example of lobbying efforts is by BTF (USA) in 2018 - when BTF had collected funds in the name of Rohingya Muslims through various means including Facebook advertisements. The donations were collected in the name of Zakat (Religious donation) and targeted at the US Muslim population. The amount of money spent on those FB ads surmounted to USD 31.7K. Subsequently, BTF hired a lobbying firm Fidelis Government Relations (FGR) and First Principal Strategies (FPS), and paid them USD 267K to lobby USCIRF against India on the human rights issues and get it enlisted as a "Country of Particular Concern". <sup>316</sup>

## C. Save India

Save India project was launched by JFA in 2019 after the Indian government enacted the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). The project states that its motive is to save India from 'Fascism' and 'communalism'. The 2002 website of JFA not only had a Pakistani foothold but also endorsed another website for the India section, which was the Indian Muslim Alert Network (Imannet), which was founded under the patronage of Shaik Ubaid. As per its website (which now doesn't exist), Imannet was a division of IMC-USA (IAMC) and a portal for Indian Muslim activism and awareness. <sup>317</sup>

The FB page of ImanNet was created on May 23, 2013, and renamed Save India on March 2, 2021. 318



The key people of Save India are as follows:

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https://web.archive.org/web/20030815095159/http:/imannet.com/about/

<sup>318</sup> https://www.facebook.com/SaveIndiaFromFascism

### a. Zahir Adil

Zahir Adil is the Team Lead and Director of Technology Development for, the Save India project. Zahir Adil is a member of Sound Vision and a member of its speakers' bureau <sup>319</sup> and an author at Burma Task Force. <sup>320</sup> Furthermore, he is the chair of the Communication Committee of the **Islamic Council of New England (ICNE)** one of the supporting organizations of the Kosova Task Force. <sup>321</sup> <sup>322</sup>

## **Islamic Council of New England (ICNE)**

ICNE was established in 1984 as a non-profit, tax-exempt religious organization and it describes itself as an umbrella organization for the Islamic Centers and organizations in New England by "facilitating communication, coordination, and collaboration among those entities and fostering consensus for a unified Muslim voice in the region." <sup>323</sup>

ICNE previously endorsed four key organizations as National Islamic Organizations: CAIR, ISNA, ICNA, and Muslim American Society (MAS), all proven as the off-shoots of MB and Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI). <sup>324</sup> Furthermore, ICNE also comprises 72 Islamic centers, four affiliated organizations, 15 Muslim Students Association (MSA) of New England, and 32 Islamic Centers and Masjids in and around Massachusetts. <sup>325</sup>

ICNE partners with several organizations including HHRD,<sup>326</sup> the international charity wing of ICNA, which partners with the Al-Khidmat foundation for several projects. Al Khidmat Foundation is the charity arm of JeI and its president Hafiz Naeem Ur Rehman, also the president of JeI's Karachi chapter. Al Khidmat aids Hizbul Mujahideen and also sent PKR 6 million to Hamas. <sup>327</sup> ICNE promotes the fundraiser campaigns of HHRD on Kashmir (both sides of LoC). For instance, on August 29, 2019, ICNE promoted HHRD's fundraiser on Kashmir, a few weeks after the Indian government revoked article 370 in Kashmir. <sup>328</sup>

## b. Farhana Kara Motala

Another member of Save India is **Farhana Kara Motala**, who is a South African woman, who studied Law at the University of KwaZulu-Natal from 1985-to 1986 and then from the University of South Africa/Universiteit van Suid-Afrika from 1990-to 1992. She joined JFA

<sup>319</sup> https://www.soundvision.com/speakers

<sup>320</sup> https://www.burmataskforce.org/author/zahir/

<sup>321</sup> http://islamiccouncilne.org/chairs/

<sup>322</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/20130818122856/http://www.burmamuslims.org/about-us.php

<sup>323</sup> http://islamiccouncilne.org/vision-mission/

<sup>324</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/20081003114750/http:/www.islamiccouncilne.org:80/links.html

<sup>325</sup> http://islamiccouncilne.org/islamic-centers-of-ne/islamic-centers/

<sup>326</sup> http://islamiccouncilne.org/organizations/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>327</sup>https://web.archive.org/web/20071003065109/http://www.jamaat.org/news/2006/aug/17/1001.html

https://www.facebook.com/icnecouncil/posts/2690128757672146

as a Media monitoring/researcher/advocacy specialist in October 2019. <sup>329</sup> JFA holds numerous events and webinars to peddle the narrative of "Islamophobia" and "Genocide" in India. On November 18, 2020, JFA held a virtual panel titled "Islamophobia leads to Genocide: A case of Burma, China, India, and Kashmir". <sup>330</sup>



The panelists at the virtual meet comprised Abdul Jabbar (Director of Free Kashmir), Hena Zuberi, Farhana Motala, Rushda Siddiqi, and Ermin Sinanovic, former Director of Research and Academic Programs at the International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT), an ideologue organization planned and formed by the prominent members of Muslim Brotherhood (MB). [331] IIIT was formed in 1980 by the US members of the MB, Jamal Barzinji and Hisham Altalib who were also the early leaders of the MB adherent organization ISNA. [332]

## Continued endorsement of 'fabricated' Doto Database

The Save India from Fascism project has eight more factions which are as follows:

- i. Hindutya in North America
- ii. Save India Research
- iii. Save India Advocacy
- iv. Save India Hijab
- v. Save India Protest
- vi. Save India Volunteer
- vii. Save India Watch
- viii. Aggregated India News

In the Save India Research faction, there are two major resources mentioned. The first is the DOTO database and the second is the 2019 USCIRF report. <sup>333</sup> It also has 412 reports curated in various categories such as Reports, Digital Hate, Discrimination, Religious Discrimination, Religious persecution, Muslim Lynching, Police Brutality, Delhi pogrom, Media attacks on Muslims, Judiciary, Mosque Burnings, targeting protests, Students, activists' arrests, CAA & NRC, RSS in politics, RSS and rise of Hindutva and others.

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<sup>329</sup> https://www.linkedin.com/in/farhana-kara-motala-32663326/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>330</sup>https://muslimmirror.com/eng/islamophobia-in-india-bound-to-lead-to-genocide-of-muslims-warn-experts/

<sup>331</sup> https://web.archive.org/web/20170607202041/http://www.iiit.org/offices-and-affiliates.html

<sup>332</sup> https://www.globalmbwatch.com/international-institute-of-islamic-thought/

<sup>333</sup> https://www.justiceforall.org/save-india-research/

As mentioned in the previous report, IACSJ, a front of IAMC (which was shut down after the DisInfo Lab exposed it in its Report on USCIRF) also endorsed the fabricated DOTO Database. DOTO claims to be a non-profit, documentation center based in New Delhi, India. As per its website, DOTO is an "Institution that engages in research and advocacy in India" and keeps records of all the hate crimes and violence against religious minorities in India that was already exposed in our USCIRF report. The founder & currently the Director of Quill Foundation is Suhail KK, who was the National Secretary and National President of the Students Islamic Organization (SIO). 334

While the DOTO Database was launched in 2017, it was found to have been collecting data since 2012, as some of its documents have been archived. These archived documents show that initially, it was collecting data with another organization - United Mass Media (UMM), founded by Syed Qasim Rasool Ilyas. <sup>335</sup> Syed Ilyas is a former member of the banned terrorist organization SIMI. He is also the father of JNU student Umar Khalid, who is currently in jail under UAPA). In addition, Ilyas founded a political party 'The Welfare Party of India', and ran for elections from Jangipur, West Bengal during the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. <sup>336</sup> Incidentally, Quill's founder Suhail KK was the Secretary of the Welfare Party of India in 2011. <sup>337</sup>

## **DOTO** continued peddling fake news but declined victims

It was noted that how DOTO Database portrayed fake news, laced with inflated numbers was being referred to by Save India, JFA, and UNHRC. [338] DOTO Database continues to share fabricated stories, about Muslims and religious minorities in India and the atrocities committed against them.

No	Fake News of DOTO Database	Exposed by
1	https://dotodatabase.com/view/rss- attacked-on-madarasa-in-geeta-colony	https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/two- communities-clas h-in-geeta-colony-7-injured/
2	http://dotodatabase.com/view/a-girl- burnt-for-resisti ng-attempts-of- molestation	https://www.thequint.com/news/webqoof/unrelated- pics-video-fals ely-linked-to-recent-bihar-vaishali- incident#read-more
3	https://dotodatabase.com/view/kashmiri- girl-allegedly-harassed-by-landlad	https://www.opindia.com/2020/10/real-story- kashmiri-woman-del hi-alleged-landlady- harassment/
4	http://dotodatabase.com/view/man- refuses-to-accep t-groceries-from- muslim	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Ciy4xMSSEI

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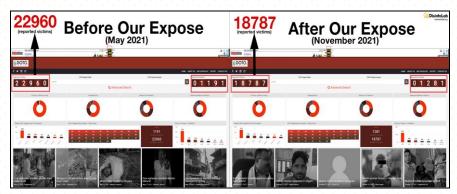
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<sup>337</sup> https://www.linkedin.com/in/suhailkk/details/experience/

<sup>338</sup>https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Religion/Islamophobia-AntiMuslim/Civil%20Society%20or%20Individuals/AnonymousSubmission.pdf

The number of cases as of May 30, 2021, was 1191 and increased to 1281 in November 2021. On contrary, the number of victims in the DOTO Database dipped by 4175 i.e., from 22,960 (in May 2021) to 18,787 in November 2021 despite the increase in the number of cases. Naturally, the number of cases in the database should increase on a day-to-day basis but there seems to be no explanation behind this discrepancy.



## D. Faith Coalition

Started in 2018 with the name "Faith Coalition to Stop Genocide in Burma" which later changed to "Faith Coalition to Stop Genocide," and is handled by Hena Zuberi. <sup>339</sup> The domain was registered in Arizona, the USA on August 11, 2010. <sup>340</sup>

## **Member Organizations**

- i) Charter for Compassion
- ii) Compassionate Atlanta
- iii) Interfaith Center of New York
- iv) Jewish Alliance of Concern Over Burma (JACOB)

## Jewish Alliance of Concern Over Burma (JACOB)

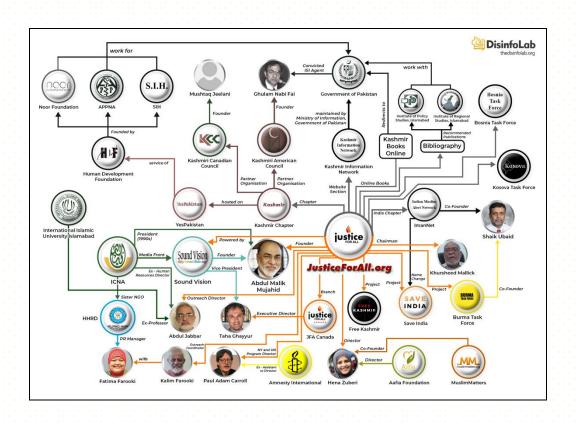
Jewish Alliance of Concern Over Burma (JACOB), was founded jointly by Rabbi Simkha Weintraub and Adam Carroll, who is Muslim. <sup>341</sup> Paul Adam Carroll is the Director of UN Programs. He leads the Burma Task Force Team at Justice for All (JFA). He is the founder and former Executive Director of Muslim Consultative Network, which works to promote inclusion, dialogue, and community strengthening in New York City. He hosts the UN This Week Show of Amnesty International.

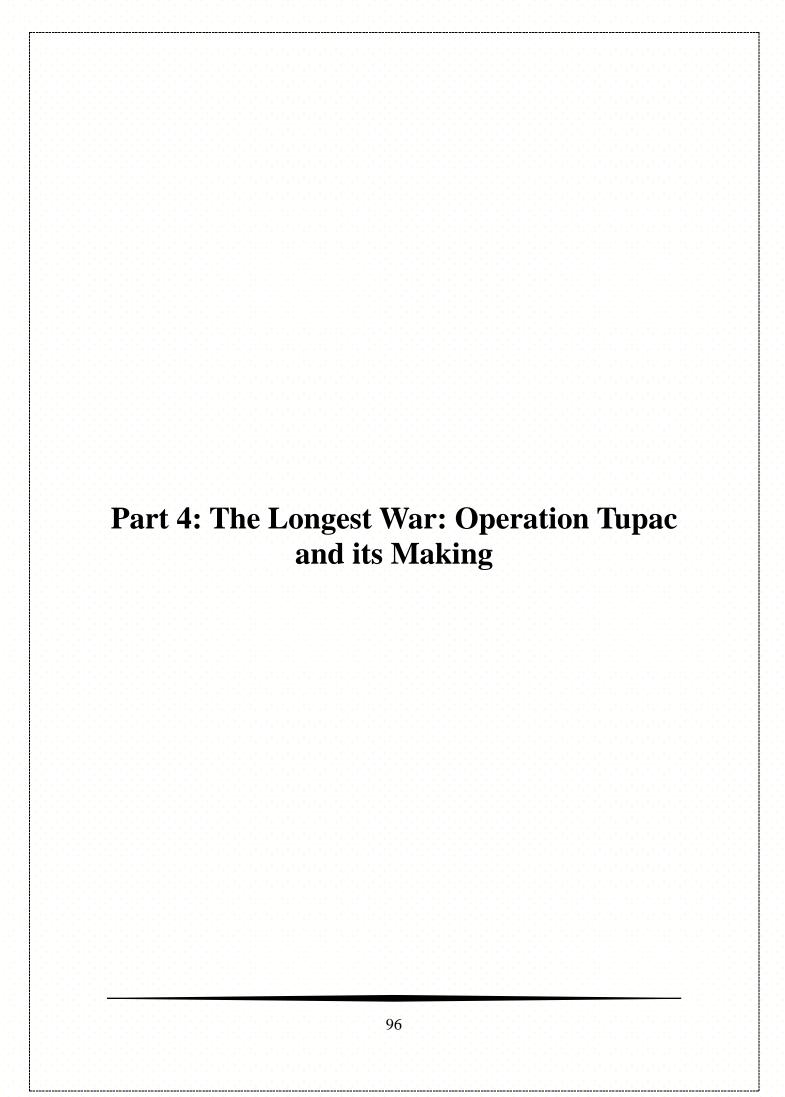
**The Interfaith Center of New York (ICNY)** is a secular educational non-profit organization founded in 1997 by the Very Reverend James Parks Morton. ICNY programs work to connect religious leaders and their communities with civil organizations and each other.

<sup>339</sup> https://www.faithcoalition.org/

<sup>340</sup> https://who.is/whois/faithcoalition.org

https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/11/28/rabbis-petition-against-israel-in-support-of-rohingya





# Chapter 14- Pakistan after Indo-Pak War

The year 1971 needs no introduction in South-Asian history. Till about 1970, Pakistan leaders were probably still trying to exist as a normal country, debating between the sharia-based radical Islamic nation or a moderate modern Islamic nation. However, the debate escalated into a mass genocide of East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) and further resulted in the Indo-Pak war. And today, the year 1971 is remembered for two main reasons in the South-Asian history:

- i) The defeat of the Pakistani army; &
- ii) Formation of a new country Bangladesh

The 1971 Bangladesh liberation war is a story of one of the largest genocides perpetrated on a civilian population. This genocide was also notorious for the particular cruelty that Pakistan Army and its collaborators inflicted on their population – that is eliminating the entire intellectual leadership of soon-to-be Bangladesh.

The ideological and philosophical mooring behind this endeavor was Jamaat-e-Islami, which was also responsible for orchestrating the massacre of Bangladesh along with the Pak Army. Jamaat, in its worldview, had no space for modern nation-states. These were merely instruments to achieve the final goal. While Gen Zia-ul Haq is rightly credited for institutionalizing radical Islam in Pakistan Army, the seeds were planted long back. Zia's policies only facilitated the symbiotic relationship between the Army and Jamaat – the two pillars of Pakistan's democracy.

However, the formation of Bangladesh put an end to the idea of a normal country. The Pak establishment decided to convert the entire nation into a weapon — with the sole objective of dismembering India.

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#### Pak Nuclear program after the 1971 war

In a 1965 speech at the UN Security Council, the then Pakistan's Foreign Affairs minister Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto declared a thousand-year war against India. <sup>342</sup> Six years later, on December 20, 1971, Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto assumed the position of the President of Pakistan just after the debacle of the 1971 war. Soon after coming to power, Bhutto started Pakistan's Nuclear program in 1972 with the help of China and North Korea and with financial assistance from Iran and Saudi for carrying out Pakistan's secret nuclear program.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= siuK18k3UY

In 1972, India's then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi authorized the country's first nuclear bomb test and assigned the name 'Operation Smiling Buddha'. India successfully tested its first atomic bomb on May 18, 1974, in Pokhran, Rajasthan. <sup>343</sup> On the other hand, despite an earlier pledge, two years after India successfully carried out Operation Smiling Buddha, Pakistan was only able to set up a nuclear base, the Kahuta enrichment plant in 1976. <sup>344</sup>

## **Islamization of Pakistan**

By 1973, Bhutto introduced a nascent state policy of Islamization of Pakistan in his political agenda. However, on July 5, 1977, Bhutto was deposed by then Army General Zia Ul-Haq and controversially tried and executed.

When Zia-ul Haq came to power in 1978, after the hanging of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, he molded the liberal nature of the Pakistani constitution by introducing Islamic laws, Islamizing educational institutions, and opening religious academies, inducting Islamists into the army, bureaucracy, and judiciary. This led to the mass radicalization of people and the creation of Islamic extremists, which led to a plethora of human rights violations, to which the US also turned a blind eye as Islamist forces were good allies in their battle against the Soviets and Pakistan also was creeping towards its agenda of destabilizing India via fighting proxy wars in Kashmir. <sup>345</sup>

Zia-ul Haq's undemocratic 11 long years turned Pakistan into a radical Islamist state ruled by its army.

#### The 1000 year-war and Bleed India by Thousand Cuts: Zulfi Bhutto Legacy

Zulfi Bhutto has not been given credit in the context of shaping Pakistan. The history of Pakistan before Bhutto was a struggle with itself, a see-saw, a pendulum. Bhutto steered the ship in a direction that would come to define Pakistan – for good or for bad. He was the architect of the nuclear plan, of establishing stronger ties with China, taking Pakistan on a radical path, and also of embarking upon the covert operations to bleed India – having realized for good that Pakistan would never win a front war.

Zulfi Bhutto had pledged a thousand-year war – a war to bleed India by thousand cuts. He had already set in motion various strategies, that would take shape in due course. Placating radical Islamists was part of the design. He had realized the force of Jamaat-e-Islami and concluded that if he were to utilize Jamaat as a weapon against India, he would find a perpetual supply of soldiers to carry out this bleeding strategy. Jamaat of course saw its dream of converting the whole sub-continent into the promised land. Gen Zia, who was at one time known for licking his boss' Bhutto, copied the legacy and applied it with full force. That the Soviet attack on Afghanistan gave a golden opportunity is only incidental to the story.

The seed that Bhutto had sown came to be formally christened Op Tupac, though the operation was already in place for a long time.

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<sup>343</sup> https://www.atomicheritage.org/history/indian-nuclear-program

<sup>344</sup> https://historypak.com/bhuttos-nuclear-program/

<sup>345</sup> https://www.dw.com/en/pakistans-islamization-before-and-after-dictator-zia-ul-haq/a-19480315

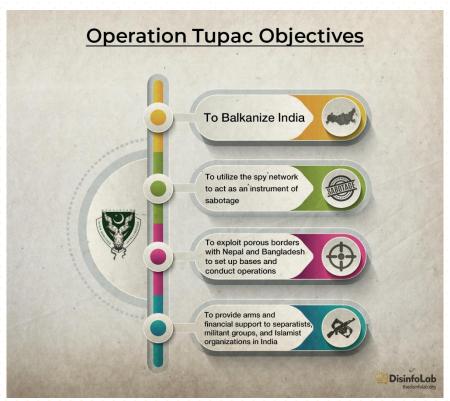
# **Chapter 15- Operation Tupac: Bleed India by thousand cuts/**

Operation Tupac is the codename of a covert military intelligence contingency program run by Pak establishment since the late 1960s and formalized in 1988. The plan was essentially meant to take revenge against India for defeat in 1965, and later its role in 'dismembering' Pakistan's eastern wing (now Bangladesh) in 1971, following the genocide of Pakistan's Bengali people at the hands of the Pakistani Army and Jamaat's militant wing Al-Badr during that year.

The program was designated with a three-part action plan for covert support of the militancy in India and it was authorized by Zia-ul-Haq in 1988 after the failure of "Operation Gibraltar".

The objectives of Operation Tupac were:

- a) to balkanize India;
- b) to utilize the spy network to act as an instrument of sabotage;
- c) to exploit porous borders with Nepal and Bangladesh to set up bases and conduct operations;
- d) to provide arms and financial support to separatists, militant groups, and Islamist organizations in India.



### **Organization building**

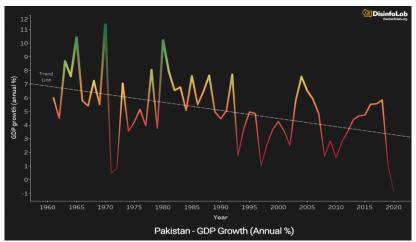
Post the authorization of Operation Tupac, several organizations (both militant and sophisticated organizations) in the US and Kashmir, India. Jamaat's militant wings Hizbul Mujahideen and Lashkar-e-Taiba formed in 1989 and 1990 respectively. At the same time, a parallel organization-building spree was in place outside India and such as in the US, UK, and Canada.

Jamaat front, the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) launched its international magazine "The Message International" in 1989, which later gave space to radical Islamists and idolized Jihadists in Kashmir. Key organizations on Kashmir started mushrooming in the US and UK. In 1990, two key organizations World Kashmir Freedom Movement (WKFM) and Kashmiri American Council (KAC) were registered by ISI operatives Muhammad Ayyub Thakur and Ghulam Nabi Fai respectively. Zia Ul Haq had also initiated another key operation K2- Kashmir & Khalistan, to bleed India in Punjab and Kashmir. <sup>346</sup> Pro Khalistani organizations started mushrooming outside India and one key organization that formed in 1989 in the US was Sikh Youth of America (SYA), whose head once was Bhajan Singh Bhinder. Jamaat fronts such as ICNA, which was already operating in the US, became more active after they were officially courted by ISI.

To give momentum to the strategy, and to have better coordination between Jamaat & ISA, another organization was formed in the US – Justice for All (JFA), which is the common string in all the organizations that are operating on the Indian fault lines in the US.

#### **Fun Fact:**

Pakistan's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has mostly seen a decline since the 1980s which incidentally was the year of three of Pakistan's major operations including Operation Tupac. The country's GDP is currently the lowest of all time at present. Incidentally, Pakistan's operations against India are also all-time high now.



Credits: World Bank National Accounts Data

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>346</sup>https://www.indiatoday.in/magazine/up-front/story/20191230-pakistan-a-roll-call-of-dishonour-1629716-2019-12-23

## **Implementation of Operation Tupac**

It was a two-front war – on one hand, Pakistan started the cross-border terrorism – to bleed India through guns; and on the other hand, it started to deepen India's fault lines to bleed it internally.

The operation could be seen in three distinct phases:

## Phase I: 1970s – till late 1988

In the 1970s, the terror group JKLF was founded by the ISI.

As a matter of coincidence, several fronts that have been detailed in this report were also formed in the same time zone: in the 1970s the Islamic Circle of North America is born out of Halqa-e-Ahbab-e-Islami (HAI). The Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) is also formed in the 1970s. The Jammu & Kashmir Students Islamic Organization was formed in the 1970s, merged with Islami Jamiat-e-Talaba, the student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan in the same decade. Ghulam Nabi Fai, the ISI mole, was the lead face of the Jamaat faction in J&K, and Islamic Chhatra Shibir, the Jamaat student wing in Bangladesh was also formed in the 1970s. Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent in North America (APPNA) was formed in 1977. Several key organization-building took place during this decade.

As yet another coincidence – the key players who started it all are still active – and as they grow old, they are passing their legacy to their offspring. For instance, Abdul Malik Mujahid, the founder of Sound Vision and JFA was the President of Jamiat-e-Talaba in the 1970s. SIMI Founder Mohammad Ahmadullah Siddiqui is also associated with JFA, and, Mohammed Ayyub Thakur's son Muzzammil is now being groomed as the new torch-bearer of Kashmir.

#### Phase II: Late 1980s – 1990s

Jammu & Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) had started talking about independence – from both India and Pakistan. The Pakistani leaders and other human rights activists support Kashmiri only as long as they talk about the Pakistani narrative on Kashmir. Their freedom of speech and human rights is worth protecting only till they express opinions in synch with Pakistani masters and their human rights are worth protecting till they accept the rights defined by the activists sitting in the US, Europe, and even in Metros of India. Kashmiris must not have their own opinion and must never complain about terrorism. JKLF had violated this cardinal principle and hence it was not useful anymore.

Hence, the Pakistani establishment needed another front, and Lashkar-e-Taiba and Hizbul Mujahideen were in the late 1980s.

In yet another surprising coincidence, a spade of the organization was also founded all over the place – all connected with the same nexus. The Sound Vision, the parent body of JFA was founded by the Jamaat front ICNA in 1988. The 'Message international' magazine was also founded in 1989 and the World Kashmir Freedom Movement and Kashmir American Council were founded in 1990 by the ISI payrolls Mohammad Ayyub Thakur and Ghulam Nabi Fai.

### Phase III: 2010 onwards:

Two major developments took place beginning in 2011:

**First:** The government of India canceled the registration of 18,868 NGOs between 2011-and 17 for the violation of various provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 and Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 2011. The Government also tightened FCRA rules as a result of which the foreign funding that non-profits in India received in 2016-'17 fell by Rs 11,274 crore (from Rs 17,773 crore in 2015-'16 to Rs. 6,499 crores).

**Second:** In 2016, Pakistan Senate published a report on Kashmir on October 3, 2016, which, among other things, envisages engaging global lobbying groups and reactivating all lobbying firms to change the global narrative of Kashmir against India. As a result, a plethora of organizations on Kashmir in the US and UK started mushrooming between 2016 and 19.

And another beautiful series of coincidences: the year 2015-16 witnessed almost an explosion in terms of White experts in South Asia –

- Audrey Truschke published her book on Aurangzeb in 2015. She later would also dismantle Hindutva.
- An anti-Muslim bigot CJ Werelman gets a change of heart and becomes an anti-Islamophobia crusader in 2016, mostly targeting India.
- Danielle Khan, another no-where expert appears on the horizon of Kashmir, again in 2016.
- Cynthia D Ritchie, the White Ambassador of Pakistan, appears suddenly on the scene in 2016:
- Paul Adams, another UK origin expert appears on Pakistan TV, giving explosive evidence about the corruption cases of Nawaz Sharif, benefiting the PTI of Imran Khan.
- Andrew Korybko, a Russian expert, starts writing articles, critical of India in Global Village Space and other Pak establishment front media
- Helene Sejlert, a Swedish-born human rights activist, and freelance political analyst, also started speaking on #FreeKashmir in 2016.
- Anthropologist Haley Duschinski also became vocal on the Kashmir issue in 2016. Before that, she had no say on the topic.

All these White experts had two things in common: they all appear on the scene at the same time – and they all are anti-India and pro-Pakistan.

In the annuals of coincidences, this would be the most-white coincidence.

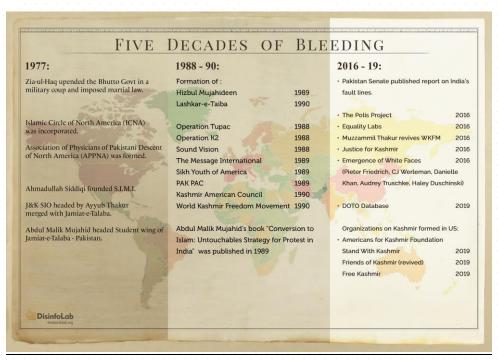
Oh wait, the coincidences aren't over yet:

Muzammil Thakur revives his father's Justice Foundation Kashmir Institute of International Affairs (JFKIIA)-in 2016; Equality Labs is set up in 2016 and The Polis Project – yet another front that talks about Hindutva were also set up in 2016. All of these have only one concern: The human rights situation in India!

Another round of flurry takes place in 2019 – after the removal of Article 370 – but this time all the fronts are on the Kashmir issue – all associated with Jamaat-e-Islami – including Americans for Kashmir; Stand With Kashmir; Friends of Kashmir; and Free Kashmir. Hindus for Human Rights is also formed in 2019.

While fronts in different names kept appearing – changing names with changing times. The ImanNet becomes Save India. The Coalition against Communalism morphed into Hindus for Human Rights. With passing time, the number of organizations kept increasing. But two things remain constant: the people and the agenda. If one were to dig behind any of these and many more fronts, one would find the same set of people reaching from the same core – Jamaat.

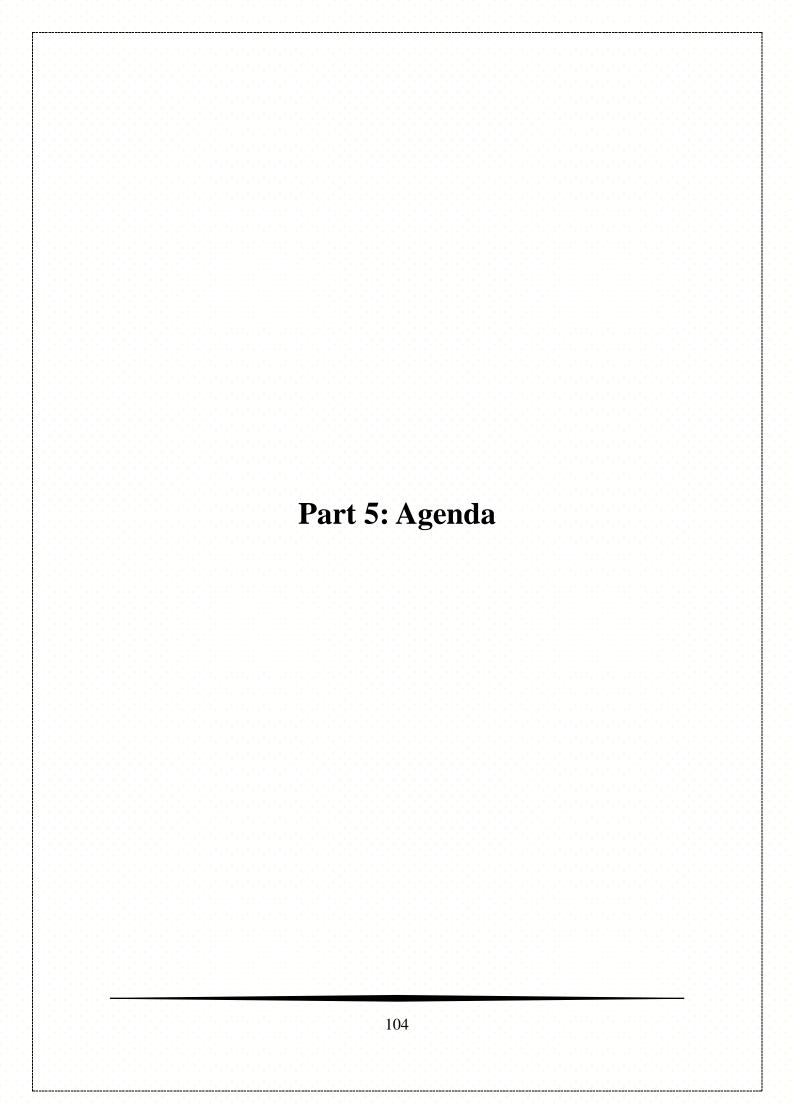
The agenda has also been the same: bleed India.



#### **Financing Operation Tupac through Conflict Industry**

However, the question arises: how is a country like Pakistan, neck-depth in debt and with no resources to run the country can run such vast information warfare against India and is capable of roping in so many vulture activists?

The answer is: the Pak establishment has learned a wonderful art of self-sustainability as far as offensive tools are concerned. It has long helped into illegal narcotics trade in Afghanistan to sustain the Taliban project. It has likewise found another tool to sustain its information warfare – global campaigns and lobbying.



# **Chapter 16- The Long Game**

It is difficult to say whether the Bleed India/ Op Tupac was designed with all its aspect from the beginning, or the strategy was kept revised in tune with the developing situation. The second probability is more likely, as it would be hard to fathom that this multifaceted and comprehensive strategy was designed from day one.

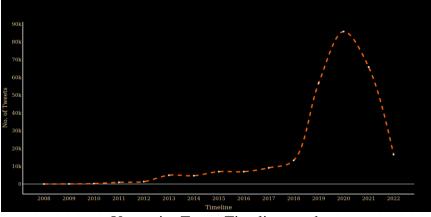
## a. Attack the global image of India

## Fascism & Genocide

To discredit India, several narratives have been pushed around such as labeling India as a 'Fascist State' and 'impending genocide of Muslims in India'. The modus operandi behind peddling the narrative is first the publication of an article on media platforms like Al Jazeera, which is then shared by a network of people to echo the narrative on social media. These narratives were put into place in 2015 but were in initial stages as the frequency and traction on them were low/negligible. However, these narratives came into full force in 2019 when the ruling Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) won the Lok Sabha elections and came to power for the second term. The narratives of the Muslim genocide and Kashmir became frequent and constant. Therefore, we pulled the data on keywords "Fascism"/ "Fascist" India and "Muslim Genocide" & "Kashmir".

In both the narrative graphs, the peaks lie on the far right in 2019 and a further rise in 2020-21. From the data, we can see how people and agencies were involved in spreading these narratives. We see that there are 3 diff categories of people who are pushing these narratives. i) Domestic enablers ii) Foreign Experts and Orgs; & iii) Pakistan.

#### "Fascism"/ "Fascist" & "India"



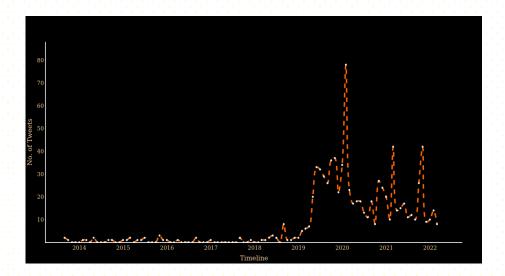
Year-wise Tweet Timeline graph

We collected a total of 273558 tweets from 2008 to Feb 2022. The above number of tweets have in total of 1817140 retweets. From the above graph, we see that the frequency and amplitude of the tweets on the "Fascist/Fascism India" keyword is very low before 2019. There is a clear shift in the narrative after 2019 and the Fascist narrative of India has been propagated with full force on social media.

The major accounts which were involved in propagating this narrative of fascism are as follows along with their tweet count:

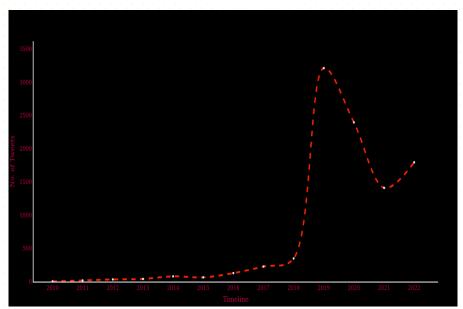
Handles	Tweets
	Count
FriedrichPieter	349
shaikubaid	95
cjwerleman	68
IAMCouncil	44
RanaAyyub	38
Students_A_H	35
carinfischer	34
MalikMujahid	29
HerNameIs_Bea	27
HindutvaWatchIn	25
SaveIndiaOrg	21
AudreyTruschke	18
gmirwka	14
Hindus4HR	11.
M_A_Thakur	10
FreeKashmirOrg	9
CivitasKashmir	7.
justiceforallen	6
fchak	6
ajitsahi	-:-:-:2:-:-::
FoundationTLS	2:-:-:
BurmaTaskForce	1
dghconference	1
ghulamnabifai	1
danielleakhan	1

The below graph shows the tweet timeline of these accounts on the narrative of Fascism in India. From the graph, we can see that these accounts became active in peddling the narrative after 2019 and with increased frequency.

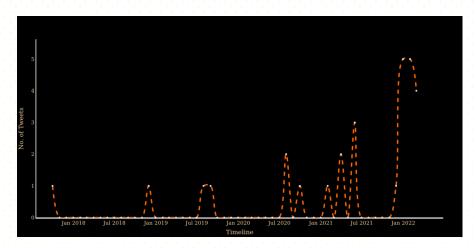


## Analysis of "Genocide" with "Muslim" & "Kashmir"

Similarly, we analyzed three more keywords together i.e., "Muslim", "Kashmir" & "Genocide". We collected 9749 tweets having a total of 37058 total retweets from 2010 till 2022. From the graph, we see that the narrative of the Muslim genocide in Kashmir starts getting some air in 2018.



Again, we analyzed the tweets from the accounts which constantly push these narratives. The below plot shows the tweet timeline of these accounts.



From the above graph, we see that these accounts started pushing the narrative of Muslim genocide around 2017 and became active after 2019.

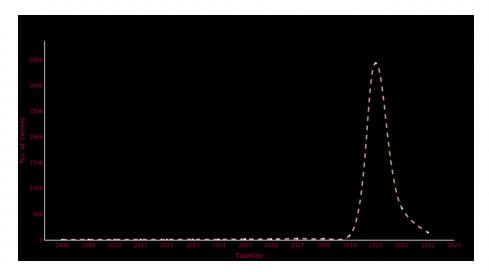
The main players pushing the narrative of the Muslim Genocide and their number of tweets are shown in the table below:

Handles	Tweets Count
cjwerleman	7
mobyshah	6
gmirwka	4
M_A_Thakur	3
TurgayEvren1	2
HerNameIs_Bea	2
aziakashmir	2
justiceforallen	::::1:::::
HindutvaWatchIn	1::::::

#### Islamophobia

While these organizations try to paint India as an Islamophobic country, they run a coordinated campaign on social media. The narrative is promoted on Twitter regularly.

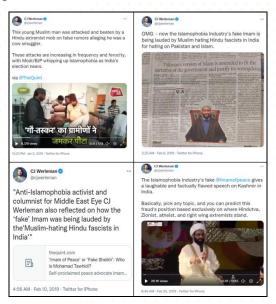
Even the social media analysis sites have some interesting details. We analyzed the keywords "Islamophobia India" which retrieved a total of 4,33,143 tweets on the occurrence of keywords "Islamophobia" and "India" together. The total number of retweets is 18,69,935.



From the above graph it can be seen that the narrative of Islamophobia was absent on social media until the end of 2018. It started popping up in 2019 and there is an instantaneous rise in the narrative in 2020. There are more than 343k tweets in the year 2020. We analyzed the sequence of events that took place during this timeline.

## **2019**

It was in 2019, that the narrative of Islamophobia in India began and seeded by the Australian Journalist, and fake news peddler C J Werleman (details are mentioned in the appendix)

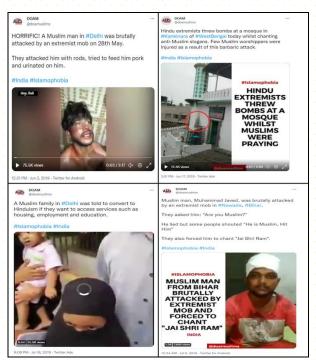


On May 8, 2019, Audrey Truschke shared a video of a politician who implies hatred towards Aurangzeb translates to Islamophobia. 347

<sup>347</sup> https://twitter.com/AudreyTruschke/status/1126152087648317440



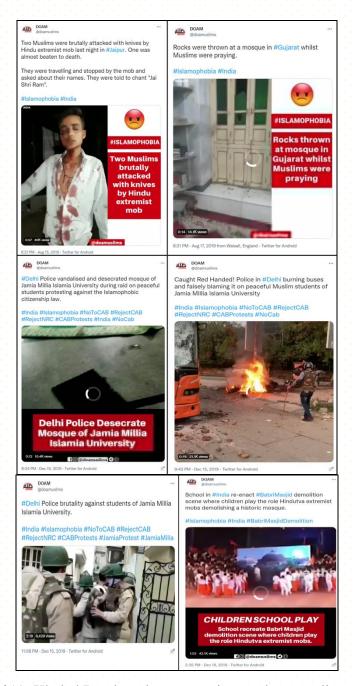
On June 3, 2019, the handle @doamuslims (DOAM - Documenting Oppression Against Muslims, which runs from England started running the narrative of Islamophobia. DOAM is founded by a Pakistani Muslim Zahid Akhtar, who is a staunch Taliban supporter.



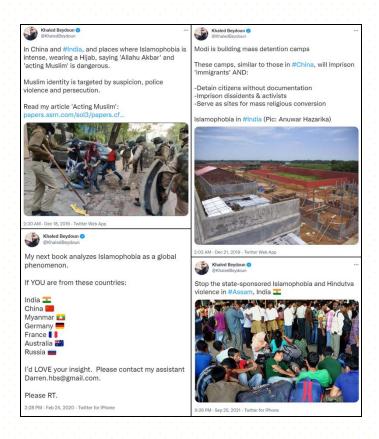
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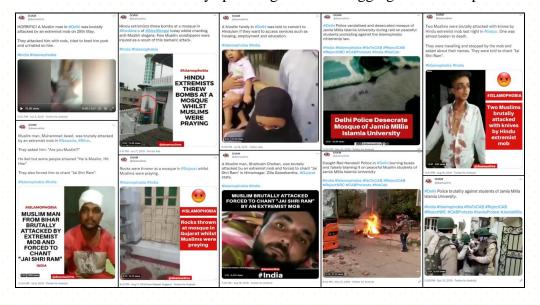
<sup>350</sup> https://www.meforum.org/islamist-watch/62562/western-islamists-welcome-taliban-takeover



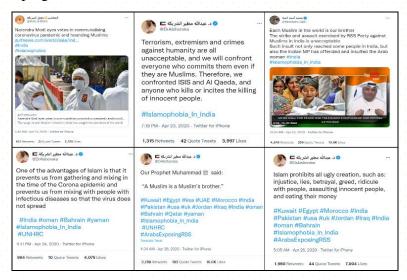
On December 13, 2019, Khaled Beydoun became active on the same lines.



## Again @domuslims became active by spreading news and tagging it to Islamophobia.



The famous fake Arab accounts came into the picture and run the most famous hoax Islamophobia campaign. <sup>351</sup>



The below table shows the handles and their tweet counts on the narrative of Islamophobia in India.

Handles	Tweets Count
KhaledBeydoun	140
IAMCouncil	75
cjwerleman	54
mobyshah	36
justiceforallen	27
HindutvaWatchIn	24
HerNameIs_Bea	23
RanaAyyub	22
NitashaKaul	21
fchak	19
shaikubaid	15
FriedrichPieter	13
MalikMujahid	13
AudreyTruschke	12
carinfischer	10
FreeKashmirOrg	8
Hindus4HR	8
SaveIndiaOrg	7

 $<sup>{}^{351}\</sup>underline{https://www.altnews.in/pakistani-twitter-handles-impersonating-as-arab-personalities-criticize-india-over-islamophobia/}$ 

aziakashmir	3
ajitsahi	3
BurmaTaskForce	3
CivitasKashmir	3
FoundationTLS	2
Students_A_H	2
hrw	2
TurgayEvren1	1:::::::
gmirwka	1
M_A_Thakur	1::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::

## b. Targetting India's interest abroad

Pak establishment/ Jamaat fronts are to prevent any pro-Indian politician, especially Indian origin politician, from getting elected and coming to power.

In the Un-Ending War Part 1, it was noted how OFMI and Pieter Friedrich campaigned against Indian-origin US politicians and publicly leveled unsubstantiated allegations against them. They targeted Democrat candidate Tulsi Gabbard and campaigned against her in different parts of the US intending to derail her election campaign. However, it was not just the OFMI and Pieter, but a group comprising several organizations including IAMC, SADHNA, and Sikh Information Centre (SIC). 352

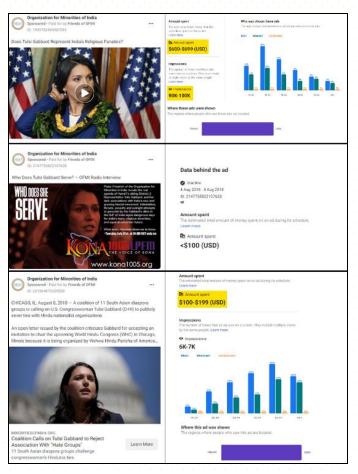


OFMI was the face of the campaign, and it ran FB ads against Gabbard in Hawaii, from where she hails, while Pieter targeted Indian audiences. OFMI ran three campaigns in 2018, after which Pieter took the baton and continued attacking Gabbard in 2019 by associating her with the Indian establishment. Moreover, he ran two Facebook campaigns against her in March 2019. They accused her of receiving money from 'Hindu nationalists' for running her political campaigns multiple times, again without any evidence. His sole evidence against her or the other US politicians of Indian origin he targeted was a reference to a pic of their

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<sup>352</sup> https://www.facebook.com/ads/library/?active status=all&ad type=political and issue ads&country=IN&id = 221264875225528&view all page id=189859764383804&search type=page&media type=all

meeting Indian politicians. On that logic, Joe Biden has many visits to India, Barack Obama had met Narendra Modi on various occasions, and Trump too had visited India and they all have praised India before.



Besides, the likes of IAMC and Pieter Friedrich have also launched similar hate campaigns against Indian-origin politicians. Most recently, US diplomat Atul Keshap, who was appointed head of the US-India Business Council in 2022 <sup>353</sup> was publicly chastised by Pieter Friedrich in 2021. Pieter led group protests against Atul Keshap which was duly supported by IAMC. <sup>354</sup> <sup>355</sup>

Tulsi Gabbard while running her campaign for presidential election 2020 was hit multiple times by Bhajan Singh Bhinder, Pieter Friedrich, Jada Bernard & affiliates of OFMI which they conveniently tried amplifying through social media.

Tulsi Gabbard announced dropping out of the presidential election on March 19, 2020. The same clutch of people targeted her during a campaign at a town hall in Los Angeles, CA on March 30, 2019. <sup>356</sup> Bhinder, Pieter & Bernard collectively put out their efforts to malign her

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>353</sup>https://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/veteran-us-diplomat-atul-keshap-appointed-head-of-us-india-business-council-101641320164407.html

<sup>354</sup> https://twitter.com/FriedrichPieter/status/1457828670333095936

<sup>355</sup> https://twitter.com/IAMCouncil/status/1442473988320636933

<sup>356</sup> https://twitter.com/FriedrichPieter/status/1112126365774417922

relationship with RSS and Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP). The same was posted by Pieter Friedrich's official Twitter handle and OFMI's official YouTube channel. <sup>357</sup> Pieter and Co. again disrupted a campaign of Tulsi where she was addressing a group of people through the webinar. <sup>358</sup> Pieter along with some supporters broke into the hall and raised placards with the title "TULSI, Mascot of India's KKK". And in another event, Jada Bernard, an advisor of OFMI accused Tulsi of using election campaign funds inappropriately. <sup>359</sup>



Tulsi Gabbard and Atul Keshap's cases are not only examples of how India's interests abroad have been tampered with. On January 22, 2021, Pieter gave away his agenda to target the Indian-origin US politicians and ambush their campaigns since 2018. <sup>360</sup> The network also targeted other Indian-origin US politicians in the US such as Preston Kulkarni (Democrat), Amit Jani (Democrat), Sonal Shah (Democrat), Padma Kuppa (Democrat), and Raja Krishnamoorthi (Democrat).

**Preston Kulkarni** was appointed as the new Chief of External Affairs of Americorp under the new Biden administration on February 8, 2021. <sup>361</sup> Pieter Friedrich launched a signature petition against Preston Kulkarni's appointment and alleged him of receiving funds from the

<sup>357</sup> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oWufEykgbog

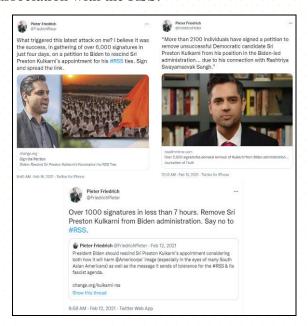
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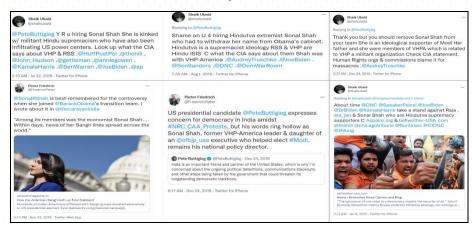
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>361</sup>https://www.ndtv.com/indians-abroad/biden-administration-appoints-2-indian-origin-experts-sonalinijhawan-sri-preston-kulkarni-to-key-positions-2370253

RSS-affiliated entities for running his campaign. Additionally, IAMC also wrote a letter to Kulkarni based on his association with the RSS. <sup>362</sup>



Similarly, Pieter and Shaik Ubaid also targeted Sonal Shah and Amit Jani, starting July 2019. They created political pressure on the Democratic officials. They went on doing tagging campaigns wherein they kept on tweeting against the appointment of Sonal Shah and Amit Jani ahead of the US elections in 2020. As a result, both the politicians were left out of the newly formed Biden administration in January 2021 based on their links with RSS-BJP. <sup>363</sup>



Other Indian-origin US politicians targeted by Pieter are **Padma Kuppa** and **Raja Krishnamoorthi** between 2019 and 2020 for their ties with RSS and BJP.

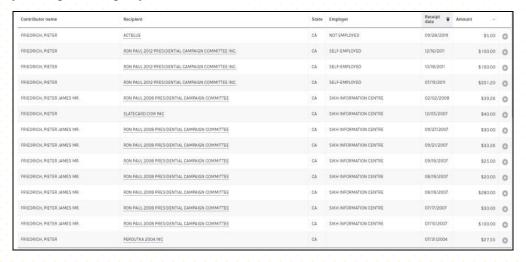
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>362</sup>https://www.change.org/p/joseph-r-biden-biden-rescind-sri-preston-kulkarni-s-nomination-for-rss-ties

 $<sup>{}^{363}\</sup>underline{https://www.nationalheraldindia.com/india/us-president-biden-excludes-from-his-administration-democrats-sonal-shah-and-amit-jani-with-rss-bjp-links}$ 



#### Who does Pieter Friedrich Contribute for?

In the early years, Pieter contributed funds to Libertarian party politician Ron Paul for his 2008 (via Sikh Information Centre) and 2011 Presidential races, the same Ron Paul who published a series of newsletters that dispensed political news and investment advice but also routinely indulged in bigotry and racialism. <sup>364</sup>



Shaik Ubaid's IAMC, along with 18 other social organizations including Audrey Truschke's Students Against Hindutva Ideology (SAHI), JFA, HfHR, South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT), etc., penned a letter to Joe Biden in December 2020, just after his victory in the US presidential elections. In that letter, they attempted to bring to the attention of Biden the presence of two Indian-origin members in his party i.e., Amit Jani and Sonal Shah. All the organizations through the letter asked Biden to exclude both the members from his government by maligning them with the RSS and BJP's government in India.

364 https://newrepublic.com/article/98883/ron-paul-incendiary-newsletters-exclusive

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Organizations that signed IAMC's letter to Joe Biden

They also expressed concern about how Jani and Shah would influence US politics through their RSS leaned ideologies. Calling them the payroll of BJP and RSS, they urged Biden's administration to take down the names of both the senators from the new government.<sup>365</sup>

One may wonder how much impact these campaigns might have over a lot of individual candidates. But the objective here is not merely defeating the candidate – but creating a fear psychosis amongst others' minds that any explicit stand on India may cost them their political career. This will inculcate a culture of self-censorship to avoid controversy amongst the Indian-origin politician or even compel them to parrot the same stock talking points peddled by the Pak establishment.

By enabling pro-Pakistan politicians through lobbying on one hand, and by creating controversy over any potential pro-India politician, on the other hand, the Pak/ Jamaat front would have a monopoly on narrative setting not only in media space but even in decision-making circles.

## c. Lobbying for Pakistan and against India:

The 2016 Pakistan Senate report called for reactivating all its lobbying groups and strategic communication firms to reactivate lobbying for Pakistan's influence in the West and change the global narrative on Kashmir. But this was merely a reiteration of a longstanding policy.

The Pak affiliated fronts not only target India's image but also target Indian interests in the long term. This is achieved in two ways — by lobbying with US/ European politicians who could push Pakistani state interests and at the same time can mouth Pakistani narrative on Kashmir and keep parroting narratives hurting India's ever-fluid fault lines.

As a pre-emptive measure, the same lobby invariably targets each US/EU politician who might have a favorable view of India. The politicians who face the maximum onslaught however are politicians of Indian origin in the US.

 $<sup>^{365} \</sup>underline{https://www.iamc.com/letter-urging-biden-campaign-to-carefully-vet-political-appointees-for-links-to-religious-militant-organizations-and-affiliates-in-india/$ 

The Pakistani expatriates had already begun forming the lobbying groups in the US in the 1980s. Abdul Malik Mujahid formed a lobby group - 'Muslim Democrats' to mobilize Muslim Americans for Muslim Democrat candidates during the 2008 elections. Khalid Riyaz the Pakistani-American cardiologist, who was the Director of Sound Vision and currently holds the designation of Secretary, co-founded the Pakistan Political Action Committee (PAK PAC), a subsidiary organization and political arm of APPNA in 1989.

APANA is described as one of the "most powerful and influential Pakistani groups overseas" by the then Pak PM Imran Khan.

In 1996 the Pakistani Americans engaged in a national fundraising drive and raised USD 12,000 to get Senator Tim Johnson (Democratic) elected and replace Larry Pressler (Republican), who had written a key foreign policy amendment in 1990 to stop the US military aid to Pakistan. <sup>366</sup>

In 2019-20 PAK-PAC raised USD 351,753 and with that money, they spent USD 330,740 on lobbying activities. In 2020 alone they lobbied the US politicians (both Democrats and Republicans) such as Jim Banks, Sheila Jackson Lee, and Ilhan Omar. On August 5, 2020, Friends of Kashmir (FoK) organized a webinar on Kashmir and invited Pakistani and US politicians to the online event. Other guests included Nazir Ahmed, who was convicted of raping two children, Rao Kamran Ali, President of PAK PAC, and Abdul Hameed Lone of Hurriyat Conference.

Moreover, PAK PAC has a track record of lobbying for Pakistan in Kashmir. In 2002, it organized an event where Senator George Allen sided with Pakistan and asked the then US President George Bush to find a solution to Kashmir. <sup>370</sup> On September 19, 2019, PAK PAC held a meeting through lobbying efforts at Capitol Hill to educate the US government on Kashmir just a week before the UN General Assembly. <sup>371</sup> <sup>372</sup>

To fulfill its agenda and have peddled its narratives in the US and influence the US/UK politicians against India over the Kashmir issue. Pakistan employed at least seven lobby firms since 2019, incidentally after the Indian Government scrapped article 370 in J&K.

And the salient feature of the lobbying contracts of those lobby organizations was to lobby on Kashmir by engaging the US/UK politicians. It was followed by the concerns raised by the US/UK politicians over the Kashmir conflict more like a genuine-looking concern by them. Some of the lobbying firms hired by Pakistan in the US are as follows:

<sup>366</sup> https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-xpm-2002-09-20-0209200326-story.html

 $<sup>{}^{367}\</sup>underline{https://www.opensecrets.org/political-action-committees-pacs/pakistani-american-public-affairs-\underline{cmte/C00238204/candidate-recipients/2020}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>368</sup>https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2022/feb/04/peer-nazir-ahmed-jailed-for-sexual-offences-against-children

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>369</sup>https://pakistanconsulatehouston.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Press-Release-Final-on-webinar.pdf

<sup>370</sup> https://www.dawn.com/news/46717/us-senator-asks-bush-to-find-kashmir-solution

<sup>371</sup> https://www.pakpacusa.org/events/educate-washington-advocate-for-kashmir/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=guAP8CulTWs

1. **HOLLAND & KNIGHT**: Hollan & Knight is Florida-based lobbying and the law firm was hired to lobby in favor of Pakistan in the US. Their six-month contract ended on November 1, 2020. <sup>373</sup> And the signing authority was the embassy of Pakistan with the amount Spent was USD 385,403.24

**Purpose:** "The issues discussed in all meetings, calls & correspondence reported relate to the improvement and growth of the Pakistan-United States relationship and economic cooperation, including issues regarding the Kashmir dispute".

2. **BLJ Worldwide (Brown Llyod James)**: BLJ Worldwide is a strategic consultancy that specializes in public diplomacy, communications, and global affairs. They were hired by the Government of Pakistan and their six-month lobby contract ended on June 30, 2020. <sup>374</sup> And the signing authority was the embassy of Pakistan. Amount spent was USD 300,000K.

**Purpose:** "BU and the Embassy have coordinated multiple webinars and recently supported a week-long media relations campaign to support 'peace initiatives in Kashmir".

- 3. **Fenton Communication**: Fenton Communication is a New York-headquartered strategic and communications firm and describes itself as the "largest public interest communications firm in the United States." <sup>375</sup> The firm lobbied for Pakistan in 2019-20 and its contract was renewed in June 2021, <sup>376</sup> by Council on Pakistan Relations. Earlier Fenton was hired by International Humanitarian Foundation (IHF) to do the same task, <sup>377</sup> as also mentioned in the agreement doc ("we distributed a background briefing paper on the crisis to journalists; we helped arrange for the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Imran Khan"). But it was no surprise as IHF was established by Sajjad Burki PTI USA President and Friends of Kashmir. <sup>378</sup>
  - Amount = \$55,000 Contract by Council of Pakistan (New)
  - Amount= \$57,000 by International Humanitarian Foundation (Previous)

**Purpose**: "Communicating with the US and global media on the importance of positive diplomatic and economic relations between Pakistan and the U.S. This will include dissemination of background materials to journalists, writing Oped's, placing spokespeople in media, and normal public relations activities".

#### 4. Chinar Communications & Kashmir Action Network (KAN)

Chinar Consulting LLC & Kashmir Action Network (KAC) were registered on October 1 & October 5, 2020, respectively. <sup>379</sup> Both these lobby firms were founded by Carin Jodha Fischer a.k.a. Carin Jodha Fischer a.k.a Carin Matheke, who is a German origin US national who came to Kashmir in 2006 and resided there until 2016. During her Kashmir, she was associated with two NGOs: **J&K Rural Development Foundation** (as Managing Trustee)

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<sup>373</sup> https://efile.fara.gov/docs/3718-Supplemental-Statement-20200331-34.pdf

https://efile.fara.gov/docs/5875-Supplemental-Statement-20200831-31.pdf

<sup>375</sup> https://fenton.com/

<sup>376</sup> https://efile.fara.gov/docs/6972-Exhibit-AB-20210610-1.pdf

<sup>377</sup> https://efile.fara.gov/docs/6726-Supplemental-Statement-20200527-1.pdf

https://www.meforum.org/62423/exposed-pakistan-intricate-us-islamist-network

https://opencorporates.com/companies/us/dc/EXTUID 4283151

and Rafiabad Rural Development Foundation (Founder). However, there is no trace of these NGOs 'registration, even though some very prominent Indian politicians have attended its events. Over the years, Carin became a "foreign tourist expert" on the Kashmir conflict, especially critical of India. As per her claims, she was barred by the Government of India from entering India in 2016. 380 However, the same could not be verified from the opensource.

Within three months of Carin's starting her lobbying firms, in January 2021, Pakistan's ruling party PTI hired Fischer's companies to lobby against India on the Kashmir issue for \$ 3.5k each per month. The principal officer mentioned in the lobbying contract was Mr. Bilal Ahmed Ghaffar, who is affiliated with PTI from the Sindh province. The objective of lobbying, among other things, includes

1) government relations; 2) media relations; 3) public relations, and 4) grassroots advocacy mobilization in 'Indian occupied Kashmir'.

Whenever a US/UK/EU politician speaks on Kashmir, it is not necessarily a concern, but they are paid to speak on the issue.

S.No	Lobby Firm	Purpose	Duration/ Payment
1	HOLLAND & KNIGHT	The issues discussed in all meetings, calls & correspondence reported relate to improvement and growth of the Pakistan-United States relationship and economic cooperation, including issues regarding the Kashmir dispute.	11-08-19 to 11-1-2020/ \$385,403
2	BLJ WorldWide (Brown Llyod James)	BU and the Embassy have coordinated multiple webinars and recently supported a week long media relations campaign to support 'peace initiatives' in Kashmir.	30-01-20 to 30-06-20/ \$300,000
3	Linden Government Solution	Strategic consulting services, advice, planning, coordinating meetings with Government, Business representatives, and think tanks, and public relations in support of the Client's diplomatic	April-20 to Oct-20/ Not Specified
		goals.	Oct-20 to Jan-21 (Renewed)
4	Fenton Communication	Communicating with US and global media on the importance of positive diplomatic and economic relations between Pakistan and the U.S. This will include dissemination of background materials to journalists, writing Oped's, placing spokespeople in media, and normal public relations activities.	From Jan 2021/ \$55,000
5	Chinar Consulting	Services provided by the registrant shall include 1) government relation 2) media relations 3) public relations4) perception management. Specific work may involve working on coalition funding, counterterrorism, foreign policy, and political forecasting initiatives.	05/1/21 onwards / \$3500/month
6	Kashmir Action Network (KAN)	Registrant will engage in advocacy through various modes such as meetings with government officials, publication, and dissemination of information, including speeches and lectures.	
7	Greiner LLC	Registrant will engage and consult with informed individuals in both the public and private sectors in both the U.S. and Pakistan to make determinations as to how constructive relations between the U.S. and Pakistan might be enhanced and provide advice to the client and his associates as to how this might be accomplished	01/05/21 onwards/ \$30,000
8	PAK-PAC	In 2019-20 PAK-PAC spent USD 330,740 and paid to the US politicians Jim Banks, Sheila Jackson Lee, and Ilhan Omar to speak on the Kashmir issue against India.  PAK PAC also held a meeting at Capitol Hill to educate the US government on Kashmir one week ahead of the Un General Assembly.	2019-20 ownwards

- Fenton communition was hired by International Humanitarian Foundation (IHF) before Jan 2021.
   Purpose as quoted in the filling: "we distributed a background briefing paper on the crisis to journalists; we helped arrange for the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Imran Khan".

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<sup>380</sup> https://twitter.com/carin fischer?lang=en

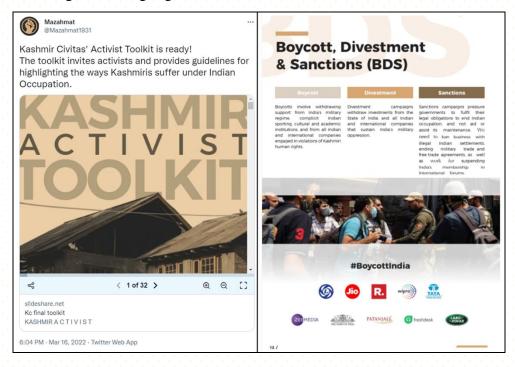
## d. Long-term Economic interest- Boycott, Divestment, & Sanctions (BDS)

The 50-years old campaign is entering the final stage. Having successfully created narratives of Islamophobia, Hindutva, fascism, and now increasingly genocide – the protagonist of this game would launch their final weapons – the Boycott, Divestment, & Sanctions (BDS) movement.

The multi-faceted strategy – targeting India's soft power, denting India's image, targeting Indian-origin politicians, engaging lobbying firms for media engagement – the final stage is to hurt India's economy. And to achieve this objective, the most potent tool is the Boycott Divestment Sanctions movement.

The sentiment of damaging India's economy first started in 2019 by Pakistan after the Indian government revoked article 370 in Kashmir. Subsequently, the hashtag #BoycottIndianProducts were being run in parts of West Asia, mostly in Egypt by IT cells of the Muslim Brotherhood & Pakistan. The most recent one was in October 2021 when the hashtag was run in the garb of picturing India as an Islamophobic nation. The key proponents behind the campaign were the nexus of Qatar-Turkey-Pakistan (QTPi) with the assistance of the Muslim Brotherhood. Indian products and companies were the targets of the boycott campaigns, while their alternative products and brands were being promoted by Pakistan via the campaign.

As DisInfo Lab had exposed in its previous report on BDSM, a hush-hush Tribunal was organized in Sarajevo (Bosnia, & Herzegovina) on the Kashmir issue in December 2021 by the Pak and MB-backed organizations. The motive was to launch **Boycott**, **Divestment**, & **Sanctions movement** (**BDSM**) against India. Three months after the hush-hush tribunal, the key organization behind the Tribunal, **Kashmir Civitas** (**KC**) released a toolkit that called for BDSM among other things against India.



# Chapter 17: How and where do JFA, and IAMC spend their money?

These Islamist organizations claim that the source of their income is donations from generous donors from across the US and the globe. JFA and its parent organization directly raise donations from their respective websites. JFA for instance takes money for various projects-from Save India, Burma Task Force, & Sri Lanka Task Force. 381 382 383 384

While Sound Vision on its website asks for donations in the form of Zakat, or its various other projects including Muslim Network TV, Human rights, media education, Dawa, etc. 385

Year	Org.	Total Expenses (USD)	Total Expenses (INR)	Total Income (USD)	Total Income (INR)	Net Asset (USD)	Net Asset (INR)
2018	JFA	15,05,183	10,83,73,176	12,32,646	8,87,50,512	14,14,239	10,18,25,208
2019	JFA	16,32,925	11,75,70,600	13,28,051	9,56,19,672	11,09,365	7,98,74,280
2020	JFA	8,57,938	6,17,71,536	9,75,158	7,02,11,376	12,26,585	8,83,14,120
Total	JFA	39,96,046	28,77,15,312	35,35,855	25,45,81,560	37,50,189	27,00,13,608

## But how do they spend that money?

Whatever the cause they collect money for, it is spent in targeting India – through engaging US/EU Politicians through lobbying; running paid social media campaigns, and above all – maintaining a herd of vulture activists to its bidding.

For example, Abdul Malik Mujahid and Shaik Ubaid via Burma Task Force collected zakat and subsequently lobbied the USCIRF against India. For that, they ran Facebook ads to collect zakat in the name of Rohingyas. On our analysis of their FB spend, it is clear that they don't want to hit a single type of audience. Their goal is the same but they hit it through different agendas.

JFA started running FB ads in November 2019 to promote its fundraising event held on November 23, 2019, and hosted by Sound Vision. For that, JFA ran three paid ads and targeted only the region of Illinois. And the funds raised via the event would be meant for "PR firms, lobbying firms, & coalition of groups to stop genocide." <sup>386</sup>

<sup>381</sup> https://donorbox.org/saveindia

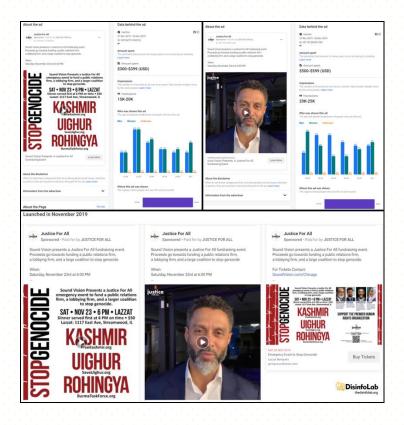
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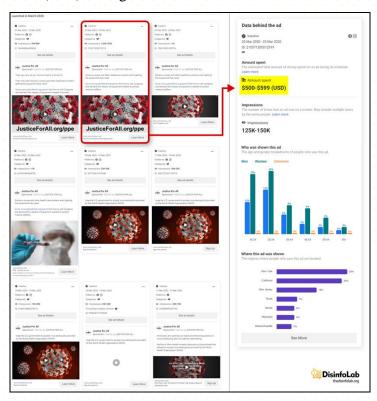
<sup>384</sup> https://donorbox.org/srilankataskforce

<sup>385</sup> https://give.soundvision.com/

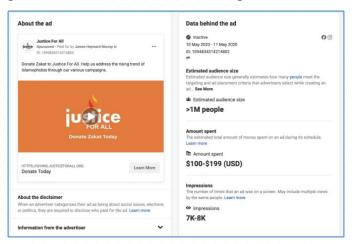
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JFA also runs several FB ads on Islamophobia. Kashmir, Uyghurs, Rohingyas. They have run the most number of ads (nine) during the first wave of COVID-19.



During the month of Ramadan in 2020, JFA while asking for Zakat also ran FB Ads over the rising global Islamophobia. And Save India is one of the leading projects of JFA that not only claims to fight "rising fascism" but also monitors Islamophobia.



#### Changing Tack:

FB ads being an old trick in the book, JFA has recently stopped running ads on Facebook. Instead, it has found a new platform to do so i.e., YouTube. On YouTube, JFA has 4.36K subscribers and there are quite active on the platform. The usual number of views on each of their videos is between 50-and 300 views. However, what's peculiar is that some of their videos especially in India have an unusual number of views, even ranging in millions.



The video series titled "Signatures for Indian Muslims – Urdu" have gone amok in terms of views count. The video with 2.4 million views accounts for more views than the lifetime traction on JFA's entire YouTube channel. Similarly, another video that was posted by JFA during the peak time of the Hijab row in India in March 2022, also gained a significant 233k views. <sup>387</sup>

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<sup>387</sup> youtube.com/watch?v=MP19Wx0ZF

# Conclusion...

Lest we forget...

Are we to say that there are no problems in India?

By no means. As we have noted repeatedly, these are genuine problems of India, the long-running fault lines. These are very much real concerns for India. The issues of minorities and the discriminations against Dalits are real problems and should be discussed ad-nauseum and addressed head-on. We must face the problem of gender discrimination as well as regional concerns.

What we must not do is let vested interests hijack these issues and weaponize them against India. These issues should be raised by real stakeholders, who conveniently have been removed from the discourse. A set of 'vulture activists' have abrogated upon themselves to become the representative voice on every issue – at the cost of real stakeholders. Is it a coincidence that the same set of individuals and fronts affiliated with JFA/ Jamaat has become the voice on every issue of India?! How did that happen? How do unknown and random White people alight on the scene, all of a sudden, and become the guardian angels of Indian human rights concerns? Is it also a coincidence that these are also the same set of individuals and fronts which are given mainstream space by Indians and Indian media? Is it merely mental slavery to Whiteness and foreign complex or there is more to it?

There have been, and are, many activists and experts on Indian issues – who have spent their lifetime fighting for the causes. However, instead of empowering them and giving them a voice, the eco-system oiled from the US-based Jamaat-linked machinery has taken control over the discourse - whose interest is not in addressing the issues – but to prolong them. It is not in their interests that any constructive debate takes place. Their interest is in deepening the fault lines – so much that they become unbridgeable. What would be the best strategy to bleed India than making Indians fight Indians.

And we are sad to note that they are succeeding.

