

## **Reply to Marya Mushtaq: “Abdul Khaliq Hazara and the Ethnic Cleansing Narrative”**

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A couple of days before, a friend of mine emailed me a link (<http://pakistanblogzine.wordpress.com/2011/10/22/abdul-khaliq-hazara-and-the-ethnic-cleansing-narrative-by-marya-mushtaq/#comment-2615>), and asked me to have a look of the write-up. The write-up, which was under the title of “Abdul Khaliq Hazara and the ethnic cleansing narrative”, written by Marya Mustaq, posted on a Pakistan Blogzine. It was about the killing of Hazara Shia in Quetta. While reading it was giving me, a kind of feeling that how can someone go to that extreme level of hatred to write about someone without an accurate knowledge and evidence. To me it was just another stereotyped unfounded a bunch of decomposed sentences, which is normally found in frenzy Urdu newspapers, which doesn't have any sound knowledge except mudslinging and malicious slurs without profound evidence. The first impression, which I got was, as someone might have hired somebody to write something bad against someone by all means. The write-up itself doesn't give an impression of something thought provoking or invites readers to think seriously but demonstrates a sheer hatred and abhorrence against Mr. Khaliq and Hazaras. The writer seems to be very upset and angry as why don't Hazaras call themselves Shia instead of being Hazara and why the leaders of Hazara Democratic Party are not following the line of Shia politics. She seems to be so much pre-occupied for being Shia and doesn't seem ready to allow Hazaras to call themselves Hazara. The more, I read the lines of the write-up, the more it gets clear about the narrow mindedness and extreme religious tunnel vision of the writer being a hardcore blind faith Shai extremist. She seems to be so much blinded of her idea; even she forgets that Mr. Khaliq is an individual and how can he make Hazara community to follow the line of nationalism. She needs to understand that it is the people who push the leaders to follow their lines and Hazaras themselves know that they get killed being Hazara-Shia in Quetta City. She also needs to understand that Hazaras face life threat everyday and every minute in the streets of Quetta. Perhaps the so-called writer doesn't know that it is very easy to kill Shia in Quetta as Hazaras are physically very prominent Shia in the milieu of Pakistan especially Quetta as compared to Tories, Bangash, Panjabi Shia etc. The more I read the intellectual dishonest rotten sentences, the more I come to know the writer's immaturity, who is believed not to have a thorough information about the environment of Quetta City and particularly Hazara. I'm sure the writer hasn't been to Quetta or even seen any Hazaras physically in her life, otherwise, she would have thought before she could put her childish, fanatic, irrational and irresponsible words into sentences.

The first two lines of her so-called article offer the full picture of her maniac mentality towards Mr. Khaliq and Hazara Democratic Party. To my wonder, she doesn't seem ready to allow Mr. Khaliq and Hazara Democratic Party to go with the popular ideas of the people, which seem so weird. How can she forcefully stress a political party to go with Shia line? I

think, it would be better for her to stop directing a political party and come out of her stink nature and let the Hazara people to decide their political idea for its better survival. Her sentences remind me of an old fashioned irritant female primary school teacher who imposes her tunnel-vision to the children with full force. Her words and sentences to be honest smell horrible with the blend of extreme religious rhetoric.

The second paragraph shows her apparent hatred and immature personality by labeling Mr. Khaliq working as ISI agent, just for being interviewed by Ejaz Haider and saying against those Hazaras who get paid and incentives from Iran. To my understanding what's wrong with this sentence? In Quetta city, every Hazara individual knows who gets paid from Iran. It is not something covert. There are people among Hazaras who promote Iranian politics and culture in Quetta city. Affiliation of these people with Iran can be seen openly on the ground, it is not something underground. I think, she herself knows very well that it is very easy to label someone with any infamous organization. I can also put a label on her easily with any outside infamous organization, but I won't do it because I am not Marya Mushtaq. I need reliable source to do so. I think, now she needs some kind of evidence to get herself right, otherwise, the readers will think of her other way round.

Her extreme narrow-mindedness and fanaticism has thoroughly turned her mind blocked by comparing a killer with a victim. I mean Head of SSP Muhammad Ahmed Ludhianvi with Abdul Khaliq, Chairman Hazara Democratic Party, which is a matter of great shame and embarrassing for her. She even doesn't know who she is addressing to. Can she provide any proof except a childish blame? Doesn't she think that Mr. Khaliq leads a political party in a society where Hazaras are 100% Shia in Quetta? Don't know, what to say to her state of mind???????

Referring to her notion about "*Hazara-Shias cannot be both religious and innocent at the same time*" Wow, great idea, how can Hazara-Shia not to be both religious and innocent? For her kind information, Hazaras dwelling in Quetta are Shia and vice-versa, both are religious and innocent. What is the problem with this? I think the problem seems to be with her as she doesn't like Hazara that is why; Hazara name and Hazara party bother her a lot.

In her write-up, she also seems to have problem with Hazara ethnic cleansing and genocide words. She tries her best to confuse herself and innocent readers with her confusing definitions bringing support sentences from Africa and the West. Let me ask only one simple question from her, what word she would prefer, when Hazara passengers were picked and taken off the bus and wagon during the day light, put them in one line and sprayed bullets on them last September. Hazaras are targeted, chased, ambushed and simply kill them nearly every day wherever they are found in Quetta city. Around six hundreds Hazaras have been pinpointed and killed so far in a very small city. I'm not talking about those thousands of Hazara injured, widows and orphans. Let me know, if you find any word or phrase for this kind of specific situation.

And one thing more, I feel very sorry from the core of my heart for those non-Hazara Shias killed in and around Quetta. They are just like our brothers and feel very grieved for their

near and dear ones. However, the impression, she is making that Hazara Democratic Party doesn't feel sorry for them, which is totally misguiding and misleading. I believe, Hazara Democratic Party doesn't believe in narrow fanatic nationalism but on the broad view of the nationalism based on equal human rights, mutual respect and religious harmony. I personally, would have been very grateful, if she had posted the names of six hundreds of Hazaras killed being Hazara-Shia, then the readers would have got the real picture of her vision.