

The Werewolves of Kashmir

The savagery of the Pulwama, Kashmir, attack revealed to the world the forces of darkness and evil operating within Kashmir. Across the US, Europe, India and elsewhere globally, there has been outrage and repugnance. World War 1 was started by an act of terror. World War 2 was started by actions of Genocide. Pakistan is now branded as the State sponsor of both Genocide and Terrorism. To Pakistan may go the dubious credit of possibly starting World War 3, a nuclear conflagration.

It is incomprehensible as to the infinite patience that the Indian State and its people have shown in the face of such implacable hostility. It was exactly 20 years ago on Feb 21, 1999 that innocent Prime Minister Vajpayee signed the Lahore declaration. The very same year he and all Indians were stabbed in the back by Pakistan's attack on Kargil.

Go back another ten years to 1989 to fully see the 30 year long bloody trail. There were 1600 violent incidents including 351 bomb blasts. Notwithstanding that between July – December 1989, 70 deadly hardcore terrorists were released by the complicit State administrators. When their re-arrest was ordered by Governor Jagmohan the police could not find one. Between January 1 and January 30, 1990 there were 319 violent acts in Kashmir, 21 armed attacks, 114 bomb

blasts, 112 arsons, and 72 incidents of mob violence.

The plan was that on January 26, 1990 there would be an Independence Day Declaration plan with a million-man march. At that time 44 Terrorist Organizations were operating in Kashmir. The Kashmir Bar Association set watches half an hour behind and no work on Friday consistent with Pakistan. The Srinagar Bar Association submitted a memorandum to the UN seeking independence. The Kashmir Judges set up their own Division Bench and refused to follow rules requiring that even the Governor had to take recourse to Supreme Court. The mosques were instructed to become centers of revolution. The hospitals were mobilized and the terrorist, Yasin Malik, escaped from police custody because of the complicity of the medical staff.

The Kashmiri Pandits were given 48 hours' notice to leave Valley. Kashmiri Pandit Community was completely cleansed, 450,000 had to flee under enormous duress with loss of life, limb and assets. 1397 Kashmiri Pandits and other non-Muslims who



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were killed have been identified to the individual level and more are being added. Srinagar was the number one locality but Varahamulla and Anantnag and Kupwara followed in their count. What is shocking is that the number of locations they were killed in which is in the hundreds, demonstrating the reach and spread of the theofascist command and control system in place. There were 1403 Hindu religious places, 975 Temples and 428 Cremation grounds. Out of these 347 have been desecrated or destroyed. 217 dharmshalas were destroyed. Others have been taken over or the land encroached. All revenue records have been suppressed or falsified.

That there has been a determined Pakistani plan to radicalize the entire Valley is obvious for anyone to see. From 1,500 mosques in Kashmir there are now an estimated 7,500 mosques mostly funded by Wahabi moneys and populated by fiery preachers who spew a medieval narrative which goes completely against the ethos of the Kashmiris including the Muslims themselves. It is no surprise that

tragically officer Mohammed Ayub Pandith was lynched by a mob in the Jama Masjid of Kashmir where he was on security duty for Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, the titular politico religious head. It is good and long overdue that the Government has withdrawn security detail for such anti-nationalists who condone violence. Reports suggesting that a human chain of women and children transported the explosives used in Pulwama, the hundreds of safe houses that are available to the terrorists, the thousands who turn up for the funerals shows the extent of the rot in Kashmir.

Pakistan is busy breeding nuclear reactors inside their country and Jihadi terrorists inside India. India and Indians must teach Pakistan a lesson of the scale of Bangladesh. The bacon strip that is Pakistan's map should be fried by the Indians so that it shrinks further. As for Kashmir it is time to drain the swamp. Covering up the stench within has not worked. A good, quick beginning would be to revoke Article 35 A. Recognizing Kashmiri Pandit genocide officially will correct the original sin and demonstrate that law and order with the full force of the Indian constitution is what will hold sway in the Valley. The Unity, Diversity and Sovereignty of India will not to be trifled with. Let the iron fist of India led by Prime Minister Modi make that happen.

Dr. Raj Bhayani Receives Outstanding Service Appreciation Award for his Contributions to AAPI

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Dr. Raj Bhayani, an accomplished neurosurgeon, social activist, entrepreneur, leader, and the first ENT surgeon in India, was honored with the Outstanding Service Appreciation Award for his contributions to AAPI during the historical 12th Global Health Summit (GHS) held in Mumbai on December 29th, 2018.

Dr. Bhayani, the Co-Chair of AAPI GHS 2018, had completed training in Neurosurgery and had a Fellowship in Facial Plastic & Microvascular Surgery in India. He is currently practicing in New York, has come a long way since he began his professional practice in New York decades ago.

Dr. Bhayani is grateful to American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI), which he has come to love and adore in recent years. He says, "AAPI has given me the opportunity to work with people of high intellect. It has helped me develop relationships with many, without which I would not have I have met many people whom I look upon as role models. And, AAPI helps me grow as a person and continues to mentor me in several ways."

Dr. Bhayani says, having worked in the inner circles of AAPI, he has come to recognize "AAPI as the most united, strong, vibrant and transparent organization. We do have



differences of opinion, which is the beauty of democracy in AAPI. When needed, AAPI members have always come together to support AAPI and its many initiatives. We have always connected and have given our best for common causes."

Having contributed tremendously with every noble cause AAPI has initiated, Dr. Bhayani says, "I have worked closely with the organizing committee of the Global Healthcare Summit by raising \$9 Million, being instrumental in bringing the President of India to the Summit in Mumbai. I have worked closely and for the success of the many charitable programs AAPI has initiated, including the TB Free India, Sevak Project and many others."

Dr. Bhayani has held several positions in

AAPI and has grown with the organization. He has served as a past president of AAPI Metro New York City. He has served successfully as the Convention Chair of National AAPI Convention in 2017 Atlantic City with a record profit of more than \$300,000. He had served as the AAPI Leadership Conference Co-Chair 2018 and 2017, AAQIQLI Convention Chair 2015, AAPI QLI Diwali Gala Chair 2018 and a member of the Board of Trustee AAPI NYC METRO. Dr. Bhayani has been an active member of AAPI CPR Council; AAPI Publication Committee; AAPI ADOPT A VILLAGE PROGRAM; and the Co Chair of AAPI India n Day parade in New York.

He currently serves as the AAPI IT Committee Chair 2018-19, and has been in-

strumental in bringing out the AAPI Weekly newsletter from the President's Desk. He is the President Elect AAQIQLI, one of the largest Chapters of AAPI.

His accomplishments in the professional world are well known. During the duration of his medical profession, more than 50 research papers have been published and presented by him, which has resulted in inclusion of his name in the Marquis 'Who's Who in America in Medicine and Healthcare' acknowledging his achievements in the medical field.

Not satisfied with his professional accomplishments, Dr. Bhayani has devoted his life to being actively involved in the philanthropic sector. He currently serves on the boards, and is an active member, of over 20 communities and associations that are involved in philanthropic activities. In addition, he has also served on the Board of Trustees of Save Life Foundation, which has helped in the implementation of Good Samaritan Law and Road Safety Bill to help road side accident victims and to improve road safety in India.

Passionate about giving back to the larger society, Dr. Bhayani says, "Inspired by many individuals, who lead by example. Cause is the driving than actual person." His life has been an example of how to give back to the community, which has given him much. "Even since childhood, I had the desire to be someone, who wanted to contribute to the common good."

