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General Musharraf Has Gone Nuts

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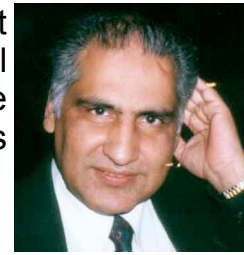
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There is a saying in Punjab that even a moving rat scares a thief. Similar is the case with General Musharraf. Since he is an illegitimate ruler he cannot stand even an unwanted cry. All he wants to hear is all is well.



Well! All is not well in the land of pure.

Political uproars aside, even an uneducated, rural, rape victim Mukhtaran Mai has driven general Musharraf nuts.

She wanted to visit the United States to tell her tale to some willing listeners who wanted to wipe her tears, but general himself intervened and stopped her from traveling abroad. He deployed police around her residence to obstruct her contacts with the outside world. She cannot even go to bathroom without a lady police officer accompanying her. This is all being done on the orders of a general who is beating the drums of "enlightened moderation" all over the globe.

On the top he has blamed NGOs for "bad mouthing" and talked about gang rapes that take place in countries around the globe.

It is pathetic. General Musharraf, for sure, is a mentally sick man. He has lost the ability to tell good from bad, democratic from undemocratic, constitutional from unconstitutional and criminal from legal.

It is not first time either. He has shown this tendency over and over. A general's driver had beaten up a constable and general Musharraf said he would have done the same if he were in that general's shoes.

A captain raped a lady doctor in Balochistan and he said as a Command in Chief it was his responsibility to protect his men. He not only clearly vindicated the captain of the crime he also took his side and dispatched the lady doctor to UK by hounding and

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harassing her family through ISI agents.

Now, he acknowledges in Auckland that he ordered a travel ban on Mukhtaran Mai to protect Pakistan's image abroad. He said Mukhtaran Mar, the victim of a punchyat-ordered gang rape, was being taken to the United States by foreign NGOs "to bad-mouth Pakistan." He further said NGOs are "Westernized fringe elements" which "are as bad as the Islamic extremists."

Has general Musharraf really banned Mukhtaran Mai to protect Pakistan's image. No, general banned Mukhtaran Mai because her ordeal is enough to show the real picture of general Musharraf and his illegitimate rule.

Washington is general Musharraf's power base. He is continuing his illegitimate rule with Americans help and support. He is constantly assuring Washington that he is against terrorism and he believes in "enlightened moderation." If Mukhtaran Mai goes to Washington and talks to American media and tells them how her rapists have gone scot-free on general Musharraf's watch the world would come to know the real general Musharraf—a tunnel vision, narrow minded, extremist bigot who does not believe in constitution, democracy, rule of law and justice.

But expatriate Pakistanis are with Mukhtaran Mai. They want her to tell her tale to the world.

Her story is not going to distort the image of Pakistan; general Musharraf is already doing this job by carrying people like Shaikh Rashid, Faisal Saleh Hayat, Chaudharies of Gujrat, Ishrat ul Abad and Arbab Rahim on his coat tail.

With a Commander in Chief like general Musharraf, Pakistan does not need any outside enemy.

On the top, Mukhtaran Mai has driven him nuts.