

Whither Pakistan?

Swat, Buner, Gojra, Mukhtاران mai,
Hina's office murder----a continuum-

Four failures

- Failed state
 - Failed society
 - Failed policy
 - Failed intellect
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- How? Who? Needs debate
 - But we do not even have forums for that?

Failed state

- Apologists will say cars run.....
 1. State has no monopoly on violence
 2. No property rights
 - Qabza
 3. No justice
 - Gojra
 - Hina etc
- State is the biggest predator--- serves elite--rentseeking
- Too many games played by the state
 - No one believes Masood dead

Failed society

- Fragmentation
 - Clan, religion, tribe----looking for the door
- Newspapers full of despair
- “Today failure is the most often heard expression in Pakistan.” Roedad News aug 11
- “Pakistan is a dream turned sour, very few will disagree.” Tayyab Siddiqui nation Aug 4

Social capital: What ordinary folk think---98 immigrants Dubai?

Percent

Proud of being Pakistani	16
Pakistanis are at fault	72
Work together	22
No Trust	69
Faith in state	12
faith in leadership	7

Failed Policies

- Wunderkind PM croaked success
- Musharaf “in line of fire” strutting about
- All donor agencies congratulatory
 - Some macro and a burst of growth
- Governance
- Justice system
- Democracy
- The world (donors) happy.....congratulatory 

Failed intellect

- No thought leadership---research thinking—systematically destroyed
- No technocracy---No local debates ...no local visions
- No professionalism --Bankers for economists...Army officers for running universities
- All policy made by donors—no responsibility
SAP, IPP FCD etc

Social protection---perfect

- Of the elite
- Civil servant perks 14% of expenditures
- Clubs, golf courses, polo elite education subsidized
- Subsidies---PM and President travel 4b
- Prime land for rich and rich entertainment
- Poor condemned way out
- Apartheid!?!?

The poor

- Excluded
 - Charity
 - No opportunity
 - No space
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- “The regal manner in which the rulers have treated themselves at the tremendous expense of the misery of the ruled is most depressing.”
The Nation

Youth

- 90m under 20
- No education
- No skills
- No opportunity---No hope
- No space—not even public or community
- No intellectual guidance...no domestic thought leadership
- **Except Mosque and Moulvi**

What do you expect?

- Will they not come?
- Is John Perkins right?
- But what is the objective?
- Without a new approach....shudder

What new approach

- Build society
- Build state—ghani and Lockhart Alavi
- Build community
- Let local intellect and debate lead
 - Ownership and local relevance