

## **ALTAH HUSSAIN'S OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN**

### **DISCLOSURES OF THE FACTS BEHIND THE TRAGEDY OF 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2007 IN THE LIGHT OF HISTORY AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT RULES**

My beloved and patriotic Pakistanis!

The 12<sup>th</sup> May 2007 was a very sad and sorrowful day, which left every Pakistani in grief. On this day more than 40 innocent citizens lost their valuable lives *Inna Lillah-e-Wainna Ileyhay Rajiun.*; several hundreds were injured. May Allah Almighty give them full recovery – Amen.

Patriotic Pakistanis!

According to the Constitution of Pakistan every citizen, political and religious party has the freedom to express their point of view through the assembly. Every citizen has the freedom to support the manifesto and ideology of any political or religious party according to his thinking and liking and associate himself with that party. Furthermore, every citizen or activist of a political and religious party also has the right to spread the party's cause, mission, manifesto and ideology of his party to the public. Following the Constitution and the law of the land, in the history of the country, poor, middleclass and educated people broken away from the traditional and hereditary politics to establish the Muttahida Quami Movement (MQM). The formation of the MQM by the poor and middleclass people was not liked by the Establishment and feudalistic hereditary politicians and the parties on the payroll of the Establishment and all such political and religious parties formed an alliance against the MQM. On the other hand the Establishment hatched heinous conspiracies to finish the MQM. Numerous allegations were levelled against the MQM to deter the poor and middleclass people of Pakistan from the MQM so that they will not be prepared even to listen to the message of the MQM and its name. To further dissuade linguistic and cultural identities of Pakistan from the MQM, conspiracies were hatched for linguistic riots and all the allegations were levelled on the MQM. On 19<sup>th</sup> June 1992, during a democratic rule, while MQM being the coalition partner in the Government on the federal and provincial level, an army operation was launched and even at that time the nation was deceived by a perception floated by the Establishment during the rule of the then Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif that the army had commenced the operation in Sindh province to apprehend 72 "big fishes" and against

the dacoits and the harbourers of dacoits. Under this plan a list of 72 big fish was prepared which has been produced several times in the National Assembly during different regimes. This list should still be preserved in the records of the National Assembly. However, this army operation instead of being against the 72 big fish was targeted solely against the MQM. During this army operation, thousands of MQM workers were unlawfully arrested and implicated in false and fabricated cases and were made victims of worst State operation. Hundreds of workers were ruthlessly murdered. All the MQM offices were occupied by the terrorist organisation, which was created by the Establishment. In 1993, when the Nawaz Sharif Government was dismissed and after the General Elections when Benazir Bhutto's Government was established then during her democratic rule the State operation was manifoldly intensified. Thousands of MQM leaders and workers were not only arrested in false and fabricated cases but more than 15000 were arrested and extra-judicially killed without even being presented to any court of law. Twenty-eight MQM workers still remain "Disappeared". The then Federal Minister for Interior "Butcher of Karachi" Naseerullah Babar's statement is on newspapers record where he clearly stated, "I don't believe in presenting anyone arrested before the courts".

Today, those who talk of independence of judiciary and blaming the MQM for the tragedy of 12<sup>th</sup> May 2007, i.e. the PPP leaders, why don't they inform the nation that the then President elected by their own party, i.e. President Farooq Ahmed Leghari, dismissed the Benazir Bhutto Government and his "Presidential Proclamation Order" contained the extrajudicial killings in Karachi as the first and foremost point, which was also upheld by the Supreme Court?

After the General Elections of 1997, the Nawaz Sharif Government assumed power again and, once again, they deceived the MQM by levelling baseless accusations against the MQM and dismissed the democratically elected Sindh Government by imposing the "Governor Rule" in Sindh on 30<sup>th</sup> October 1998. On 12<sup>th</sup> October 1999, Nawaz Sharif Government was dismissed and the country's rule was temporarily taken over by army under the leadership of General Pervez Musharraf. During the military rule of General Pervez Musharraf Local Bodies Elections of 2001 were held. MQM boycotted these elections on the grounds that MQM does not believe in military government because MQM is a principled and democratic party whereas all the major parties including the PPP who are opposing General Musharraf today; participated in the Local Bodies Elections 2001 held during the military rule of General Musharraf.

MQM decided to participate in 2002 General Elections as it was evident that a democratic government would emerge in the country and the military government will end. The Pakistan Muslim League (Q) gained majority in these elections and Zafarullah Jamali was elected as the Prime Minister then that MQM entered into coalition with this democratically elected government on the federal and provincial levels. MQM participated in the Local Bodies Elections of 2005 which were held during the current democratically elected government and gained majority seats in the Sindh province. The manner in which the MQM Haq Parast Members of Assemblies and Haq Parast Local Bodies representatives have worked hard for the developmental projects of the city have not been witnessed in the 60 years history of Pakistan neither during the military governments nor any other democratically elected governments. Whenever the MQM was able to serve the public it carried out positive developmental

projects which were never witnessed in the past. Slowly but surely the MQM's message of righteousness spread in every nook and cranny of the country and the public was able to differentiate right from wrong and started joining the MQM. Fearing for their future and seeing the medieval feudal system in danger, the then parties practicing hereditary politics and the parties on the payroll of the Establishment not only made a combined front against the MQM but also conspired against the MQM, organising incidents against the MQM and then blaming the MQM.

After the devastating earthquake of 8<sup>th</sup> October 2005 in NWFP and Azad Kashmir, thousands of MQM workers, with no fear for their lives practically served the affected, which created a sense of hospitality towards the MQM and the popularity of the MQM increased with every passing day. This caused commotion amongst the anti-MQM parties and they chose the day of 12<sup>th</sup> May 2007 for the implementation of their plan to have a carnage and bloodbath in the city of Karachi and then to blame the MQM. To further their objectives these parties once again, selected the Pakhtoon community areas so that on the one hand they could carry out their conspiracy and on the other hand once again, start the linguistic riots in the city of Karachi to serve their ulterior motives.

### **THE ISSUE OF CHIEF JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT**

On 9<sup>th</sup> March 2007, through the print and electronic media I came to know that a Presidential Reference had been filed in the Supreme Court against the Chief Justice Supreme Court Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry. I asked my office bearers to find out if the Haq Parast Parliamentarians or the Parliamentary Group was informed of this decision by the Government, or their advice sought but it was learnt that neither any MQM leader nor the Parliamentary Group had been taken into confidence. We registered our protest with the chiefs of the Government. Later on, when through the news and electronic media we came to know that the Chief Justice had been detained and his phone lines had been severed and certain officials had misbehaved then the MQM affectively registered its protest. After that the lawyers commenced their protests throughout the country, which is their legal and constitutional right. However, we witnessed that the political and religious parties who have been repeatedly threatening the democratic government for the past 4 and 4-1/2 years of protest, million marches and resignations but were not successful in mobilising the public then these parties breaking their pledges and promises neither took out any million march nor started any protest movement nor tendered their resignations – and instead started secret negotiations with the Government through the backdoor. The two parties who signed the *Mesaaq-e-Jamhooriat* (Charter of Democracy) only after a few days made this into a *Mazaq-e-Jamhooriat* (*Mockery of Democracy*). When all the opposition parties failed to unite against the present Government on one-point, they were provided with this lucky break when the lawyers fraternity's movement against the presidential reference on Chief Justice Supreme Court was gaining momentum – so the political and religious parties decided to hijack the Lawyers Protest Movement to make their struggle controversial and disputed.

Every political and religious party has the right to protest if its leaders are arrested and take legal action. The judges can also defend against any Reference according to the Constitution and law. However, they should not organise processions and rallies with the support of political parties nor can they lead political rallies because by

committing or participating in such an act they cannot remain undisputed or unbiased even after winning their case.

My beloved Pakistanis!

MQM is a democratic party which believes in operating within the constitution. MQM respects the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry and believes that he should be treated according to the constitution and the Presidential Reference filed against him should also be decided according to the constitution and law. The MQM in its several statements appealed to the lawyers' fraternity to keep the political parties away from their protest campaign and not to allow this issue to be politicised. I made the same appeal to the Chief Justice Supreme Court Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry in my statements but sadly the political parties hijacked the protest movement of the lawyers. Whenever the Chief Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry appeared for the hearing in the Supreme Court or visited to address any Bar, the car in which he travelled carried the flags of three political and religious parties. Similarly, we made the sincere appeal to the lawyers' fraternity and the Chief Justice that they have the right to invite the Chief Justice to address any Bar in the country and the Chief Justice should also address these Bars but to avoid all such rallies and processions where the political and religious parties are gathering to use the shoulder of the Chief Justice to further their political cause. Because such an act can influence the case of the Chief Justice in the court and the political and religious parties can cause hindrance in the process of deliverance of justice or can create difficulties in the that court's decision.

My innocent Pakistanis!

The prevailing hereditary political and religious parties have never done any good for the solidarity, prosperity, welfare and sustenance of the country. They have always used the poor people of the country for their ulterior motives and even today they are using them, therefore, a few points to consider in this regard are presented for your attention:

### **12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2007**

When it was announced that on the invitation of the lawyers of Karachi Bar, the Chief Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry will visit Karachi to address the High Court Bar and other Bars on 12<sup>th</sup> May soon after this announcement the political and religious parties hatched a conspiracy to confront the MQM to kill two birds with one stone. As the 12<sup>th</sup> May came closer the statements from the political and religious parties intensified. When the MQM felt that like Lahore rally the political and religious parties under the cover of welcoming the Chief Justice have planned their nefarious designs to sabotage the judicial process disputed and doubtful to damage the case of Chief Justice (The point to note is that the lawyers fraternity of Karachi was issuing repeated statements that the political parties should not interfere with the lawyers protest and the Chief Justice's address to the bars on 12<sup>th</sup> May. That the MQM Coordination Committee decided after a marathon session that the MQM will also organise a peaceful rally on 12<sup>th</sup> May for the independence of judiciary and against politicising of the issue of Chief Justice. The MQM made the announcement on 7<sup>th</sup> May and was busy in the preparation for this rally. On 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> May all the

opposition parties in their press releases and their press conferences announced that they will unite and break the record of the Rally which was organised to welcome the Chief Justice in Lahore. They also clearly stated that all the opposition parties will not only welcome the Chief Justice and take out rallies led by their leadership but also their rallies will break all the records of previous rallies. The political and religious parties who make these tall claims included Pakistan Peoples Party, Muslim League (N), Tehrik-e-Insaaf, Jamaat-e-Islami, ANP, MMA, ARD and other opposition parties.

### **CONSPIRACY OF THE OPPOSITION AND SOME IMPORTANT POINTS:**

My brave and aware Pakistanis!

I earnestly appeal to you to understand the conspiracy of the opposition and to recall your memory and to think how far my statements are true. As you all know, when a political or religious party announces a big program then they start their preparations a few days before the event. On the day of the event, and a couple of days before the event, they mobilise their workers and public for the success of their program and to remind the public of the event, they take out small rallies from different areas. I would like to draw your attention to the fact that on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2007, i.e. night and day; did you see any other rally of a political or religious party apart from the MQM? Whereas, throughout Karachi the city was awake at the night celebrating and in every area one could hear the MQM songs being played and the public, including women and children, were also chanting MQM slogans and were happy. From the early hours of 12<sup>th</sup> May 2007, the MQM workers were busy in placing final touches to the main preparations of the MQM Rally. At sunrise, several rallies in the form of a procession were taken out from different areas of Karachi and were seen passing through various streets of the city. From all over the country in general and particularly from every district of Sindh Province the rallies were on the way, in the form of buses, wagons, trucks, cars and other forms of transport – was this not a fact? During this time people coming from other provinces and areas entering Karachi including women, elders, youth and children – did you witness even a single rally of opposition parties on any location of Karachi? Up until 11.30am on 12<sup>th</sup> May did you see any opposition political or religious party leader or workers in any area of Karachi on trucks or buses as they used to gather outside the Supreme Court at the time of Chief Justice's arrival for hearing as broadcast by the media? Why didn't the prominent leaders of more than 50 opposition parties, despite their tall claims were not present in Karachi? Were they all swallowed by the heaven or earth? Or were all these leaders of 50 opposition parties kidnapped by the MQM workers? Where were all these main leaders? And why, despite all the announcements and promises did they not show up? Please tell me where were these leaders of the opposition parties on 12<sup>th</sup> May? And why, despite making tall claims they did not arrive in Karachi?

Patriotic Pakistanis!

Bloodbath and carnage was being carried out in Karachi, all the streets were blocked but despite all these sad incidents I was not able to get this thought out of my mind that Chief Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry was our guest and the purpose for which he was coming to Karachi. It was our moral duty to facilitate him. Therefore, I contacted the responsible people in the Government of Sindh and requested them to

make necessary arrangements so that the Chief Justice can be safely transported to Sindh High Court Building. The Government of Sindh offered the Chief Justice that as all the routes are unsafe therefore, he could be provided with a helicopter to take him to Sindh High Court.

Patriotic Pakistanis!

In this tragedy the MQM workers who have been martyred include Urdu Speaking as well as 5 Pakhtoon speaking workers, one Kashmiri worker, one Punjabi worker and one Hazaraywal worker. Their details are as follows:

No	Name	Language	Address	Ancestor Place
1	Rizwan Shamim S/O Shamim-Ullah	Urdu Speaking	H. No.1/754 Shah Faisal Colony No.1	Karachi
2	Babar Changazee S/O Jamil Khan	Urdu Speaking	F. No. B-31 Cosmose Plaza, Block16, F.B.Area	Karach
3	Umar Rehma S/O Gul Faraz	Pushto Speaking	UC-1, Muzaffar Colony Landhi, Karachi	Mohall Kandogey P.O. Dist Deer, NWFP
4	Sayda Khan S/O Qader Khan	Pushto Speaking	B-485, Muzaffar Colony Landhi, Karachi	Village Jummo Shahi Khel, Dist Kohat, NWFP
5	Irshan Khan Malang S/O Abdul Malook	Pushto Speaking	D Area, Street 19 Future Colony Landhi, Karachi	Village Ajmera, P.O. Dist Budgram, NWFP
6	Jahanzaib S/O Iftikhar Ahmed	Urdu Speaking	H. No. D-2/18, Saud Abad Malir Tanki Market, Khi.	Karachi
7	Shahbaz Khan S/O Ghulam Mustafa	Pushto Speaking	H. No. RZ-108 Al-Hayder Society Alnoor Pakwan Centre Drig Road, Karachi	Hari Pur Hazara
8	Aslam Pervez S/O Habib	Urdu Speaking	H. No. 93, Sector 7-C Orangi Town, Karachi	Karach
9	Ghulam Sarwer S/O Yar Mohammad	Panjabi Speaking	Chodhry Mohammad Din Village, Pangriyo, Badin	Badin
10	Sakhi Rehman S/O Darvesh Khan	Pushto Speaking	H. No. D-324, Pahar Gang Q-North Nazimabad, Khi	Karachi
11	Raja M. Altaf S/O Noor Ullah	Kashmiri Speaking	F. No. Q-510, Iqra, B-17 Complex Gulistan-e-Johar	Village Behri Muzaffarabad
12	Mansoor Ahmed S/O Saeed Ahmed	Urdu Speaking	K-180, Qasba Colony UC8 Site Town, Karachi	Karachi
13	Abdul Ghafoor S/O Abdul Hamid	Pushto Speaking	H.No. 10, Street 14, Jamali Village, Gadap Town. Khi	Quetta, Balochistan

Beloved Pakistanis!

Today, the conspiring elements under the cover of 12<sup>th</sup> May tragedy are targeting the MQM offices in the suburbs of Karachi, Interior Sindh Zones, Punjab, Balochistan

and NWFP. Nearly all the MQM Offices in interior Sindh have been set alight. In various districts of Punjab, the MQM leaders and workers are being threatened and tortured to quit the party. In Quetta, the Central Office for Balochistan, was set alight and leaders and workers are being threatened to quit the MQM. Similarly the MQM Central Office in NWFP has been sealed by the Government and the leaders and workers are being threatened to quit the party. In spite of all these terrorist activities against the MQM, it is the MQM who is being accused of terrorism. Hundreds of Urdu-speaking families from the suburbs of Karachi, i.e. Aligarh Qasba Colony and Mujahid Colony etc, have been forced to leave their homes and those who are attacking their homes are roaming unchecked. We have informed the Government of Sindh of these facts and also the Federal Government and the high officials. I request you to pray for the safety and security of these displaced families.

*(See the photographs of burning and destruction of MQM offices at the end)*

### **WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRAGEDY OF 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Patriotic Pakistanis!

Today all the opposition political and religious parties, as usual are unanimously holding the MQM responsible for the 12<sup>th</sup> May tragedy. Now I would like to ask all you knowledgeable Pakistanis that if you decide to carry out mayhem and murder under the cover of a rally or a procession then would you take your family members including your mother, father, sister and sons along with you? Or would you care to take them with you? Certainly, you all will reply, “No, Never, under no circumstance”. You should think have you not seen the participants of the MQM rally through the electronic media that included women, elders and children? If MQM had planned to create unrest or disorder then why would hundreds and thousands of MQM workers and supporters would have participated in the rally along with their mothers, sisters, sons, daughters and other family members?

### **12<sup>TH</sup> MAY – MURDER OF INNOCENT PEOPLE**

Patriotic Pakistanis!

I would like to apprise you of more facts; that on 12<sup>th</sup> May at around 12 noon as soon as the information was broadcast on the electronic media channels that the plane carrying the Chief Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry has landed at the Karachi Airport – soon afterwards the conspiring elements with the help of secretly hidden terrorists in the Pakhtoon community areas came on to the streets and started indiscriminate firing on the MQM rallies. As a result the MQM rallies/processions instead of moving forward started retreating back towards their respective areas. At the Sharah-e-Faisal on Natha Khan Goth the terrorists of ANP and PPP appeared on the streets and opened indiscriminate firing on the oncoming rallies – then the MQM workers immediately formed a long queue of male workers and asked the women, elders and children to run away from there to wherever they can. Several workers in the queue received bullet injuries, some died on the spot and some were injured who, after the women and children have reached the safety, were picked up by the MQM workers and rushed to different hospitals. Because of not receiving the medical treatment on time and as a result of excessive loss of blood several injured workers

passed away. When the armed terrorists of ANP and PPP saw that the MQM people are disappearing then they started moving forward until they reached the Star Gate near the Airport. Another armed group of terrorists appeared from the Natha Khan Goth and came on the main road and starting setting the vehicles alight. These vehicles were abandoned by the MQM people who had left the spot taking the murdered and injured with them. The second armed group of terrorists moved further forward and continued with their firing because they could see the MQM flags on vacant buses parked at a distance from them. As a result of the indiscriminate firing of this second armed terrorists group the members of the first armed group of terrorists were shot at – some of them died and others were injured. Similarly, as a result of indiscriminate firing from the second armed terrorists group armed terrorists of the first group belonging to the PPP and ANP were murdered and injured; and all the opposition parties are blaming the MQM for this. Such baseless allegations have been levelled against the MQM in the past so as to prevent the righteous message of the MQM from reaching all the poor and middleclass people of Pakistan. And those to whom this message has reached could be made to dislike the MQM, or under the pressure of the propaganda quit the MQM thus obstructing the MQM to become a national political party. So to keep the poor and middleclass people subservient to a few of the hereditary families for decades to come.

*(See the photographs of terrorists responsible for the tragedy at the end)*

### **WHERE WERE POLICE AND RANGERS DURING THE BLOODBATH?**

It is very difficult and hard to find the answer to this question in the tragedy of 12<sup>th</sup> May. Because the country's first Prime Minister Khan Liaquat Ali Khan's brutal murder investigation is still awaited by the Pakistani nation! Similarly, why had the car transporting the Founder of Pakistan Mohammad Ali Jinnah from Quetta to Karachi broke down? Why had the petrol in his car run out? Why were the guards responsible for his security and who used to be around him were not accompanying him? Why was that timely medical treatment could not reach him? Those who are saying today that the Government is responsible to provide security to life of the public – indeed the responsibility to provide security to the public lies with the Government. But those who are criticising the Government today would they like to tell the nation that during the rule of Benazir Bhutto when her Government was at the federal and provincial level; who murdered Murtaza Bhutto, the only surviving male son of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto? Why the PPP Government and its ministers on this irresponsible act resigned from the federal and provincial governments? Similarly, Nawaz Sharif was the ruler and it was his responsibility to run the affairs of the Government but on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1999 when he reached the television station, why was he not able to address the nation and secure himself from dismissal as Prime Minister? The nation and the new generation is waiting for the answers to these questions for a long time and God knows how long they have to wait.

Why did Quaid-e-Azam's car break down while coming to Karachi? How and why was Mohtarma Fatima Jinnah murdered? By whom and where was the conspiracy to murder Khan Liaquat Ali Khan hatched? Why and how was Zulfikar Ali Bhutto hanged on a disputed decision? Why have the culprits responsible for the disintegration of the country not been punished to date? The General and other officials who abrogate the Constitution – why were the PPP, despite coming twice to

power, not able to bring them to book under the Article 6 of the Constitution? To search for the answers to these questions as the responsibility of every enlightened and patriotic Pakistani. One must look upon oneself before criticising others. We too are waiting for answers to such questions that why the Police and Rangers did not arrive on time at the murder of innocent people on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2007? As on 14<sup>th</sup> December 1986 during the tragedy of Qasbah and Aligarh when the bloodbath carried on for 6 hours but neither the administration, nor the police, rangers or other law enforcement personnel reached the scene. On 30<sup>th</sup> September 1988 at the time of tragedy of Hyderabad – for half an hour armed terrorists continued to murder innocent people but the administration was not to be seen, police disappeared and other law enforcement agencies were also not present.

Patriotic Pakistanis!

If Altaf Hussain is wrong then you can chose another true leader who can attain the rights of the 98 percent poor and middleclass, womenfolk and minorities irrespective of their cast, colour or creed and even religion. Another purpose of my struggle apart from attaining the rights of the poor and middleclass is to do whatever I can for the solidarity and sovereignty of Pakistan and to make Pakistan a strong and prosperous Country. I have to my fullest ability spent thirty years of life in this struggle. I sacrificed my happiness and wishes; even the sacrifice of my brother and nephew, sacrifice of thousands of my beloved companions – but the Allah Almighty knows that let alone murdering someone I have never even preached to hurt anyone. My only crime is that I am not a feudal lord, nor a capitalist or a Sardar – I am from within the 98 percent public. I have narrated the facts and I leave it to your conscience to decide what is true or what is false?

Wassalam

Your exiled Pakistani brother

**ALTAH HUSSAIN**

**PHOTOGRAPHS OF MQM OFFICES THAT WERE SET ALIGHT**

**DEAR PATRIOTIC PAKISTANIS WE ARE PRESENTING THE  
PHOTOGRAPHS WHICH WILL ASSIST YOU IN IDENTIFYING THE  
PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRAGEDY OF KARACHI.  
THESE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE EVIDENCE – PLEASE SEE AND  
RECOGNISE**