

Open letter of
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to the Sindhi Mothers, Sisters,
Elders and youths.

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Sindhi Mothers, Sisters, Elders and Youths!

Assalam-O-Alaikum

After my Salam, please accept my heart felt condolences on the sad martyrdom of one more daughter of the land of Sindh, who was martyred in cold blood. Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto is no longer in this world, as was the case with her father Respected Mr.Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, who was also martyred and left this world as Shaheed.

Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto's male offsprings, Shah Nawaz Bhutto and Murtaza Bhutto were also martyred and now on 27th December, 2007 Shaheed Zulfiqar Bhutto's mission's standard-bearer Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto was also martyred.(Inaa lillaha wa inna alihe rajaion).

Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto was martyred in Rawalpindi, Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto was sent to the gallows in Rawalpindi in a disputed court verdict, Shah Nawaz Butto was martyred in a foreign country and Murtaza Bhutto was martyred in front of his house.

Mohajirs who migrated to Sindh in 1947 did not martyr Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, Shah Nawaz Bhutto, Murtaza Bhutto or Benazir Bhutto, then why in Karachi including interior Sindh Mohajirs were made the target for burning and looting of factories, shops and homes? Why the innocent and harmless laborers were burnt alive?

My Respected Sindhi Brothers!

If it was necessary to take revenge of the murder of Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto and all the Bhuttos upto Shaheed Benazir Bhutto then why the revenge was not taken from the real murderers rather than the innocent people? Those who love Zulfiqar Bhutto Shaheed and Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Shaheed, why was the revenge not taken from the distributors of sweets and merry making on the martyrdom of Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto?

On 27th December 2007 on hearing the news of Shahadat of Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto I became numb with grief and I could not stop crying on hearing repeated news of martyrdom of the daughter of Sindh on news channels. I was obliged to give interviews on this sad occasion. You can check the recording of those TV interviews that it was I Altaf Hussain who was the only son of Sindh (who not knowingly why is not accepted as a real son of Sindh by many Sindhis from their heart.), requested in every interview that for God's sake please do not say that Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto is dead but call her martyr that she too achieved the pinnacle of shahadat like her shaheed father. While expressing these true and touching feelings Altaf Hussain was absorbed with grief and tears flowing with every utterance. Every body who were present at MQM International secretariat were in state of sorrow and grief and all the eyes were filled with tears. As a gesture of solidarity and in sharing grief, MQM was the first to declare three days of mourning and cessation of electoral activities.

As Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto's true followers and supporters were shedding tears and in abject grief, I would like to pose a question to Peoples Party workers with God as their witness let me know that how many big leaders were seen shedding tears? How many leaders were seen in deep sorrow and grief? If you saw these leaders worried it was because of their own political future, how the succession would work out? who will be the next leader? Who would take up the mission of martyr Bhutto and martyr Benazir Bhutto?

On the day of Mohtarma's soym, on one hand the workers deeply grieved and shedding tears while on the other hand the leaders were witnessed exchanging pleasantries in a blissfully light mood.

My Dear Sindhi people!

A very painful observation was made that Murtaza Bhutto shaheed's son Zulfikar Bhutto Junior and daughter Fatima Bhutto with her widow mother Ghinwa Bhutto were looking for some place to be seated and no body was their to console them. They were not the Mohajirs but were the blood of Zulfikhar Ali Bhutto Shaheed? What compelled this behavior at such a sad occasion. Was it Altaf Hussain or MQM that exhibited such callous indifference and insensitive behaviour?

My Dear Readers!

Here, I would also like to bring to your attention my telephonic conversation with Murtaza Bhutto when he was leaving Syria for Pakistan. I advised him not to go to Pakistan, this I shared with Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto when I called her on October 19, 2007. Today a lot of Nationalists are becoming the champions and sympathizers of Sindhi nation. Have they ever bothered to seek revenge for Zulfikhar Ali Bhutto's death? Did they break terms with the perpetrators of Bhutto's death? These Nationalists did not even bothered to shed tears at Mohtarma Benazir's shahadat. These nationalists failed to even shed a few tears on the martyrdom of Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto, otherwise one could have at least credited them for shedding "Crocodile tears".

My Dear Sindhi people!

Our links with Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto remained severed since 1997 other than the few indirect links. Eventually and only in the last few days we both came to the conclusion that in future we will not fall victim to the agenda of exploiters, opportunists and conspiracies since we are the inhabitants of Sindh and our existence is tied to this land..

My Dear Sindhi People!

On October 18 Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto reached Karachi and the same day her rally was attacked by a suicide bomber resulting in killing (Shahadat) of nearly 150 people. The same day I called Benazir Bhutto at Bilawal house but was unable to reach her. The next day on October 19 we had a long telephonic conversation that is on record. She told me that there are many things that she also understands better now and that we have to do it together, that we have already lost a lot due to misunderstandings and conspiracies. She said that she would meet on her next trip to London. I advised her to be extremely careful and vigilant. Sadly, this was my last conversation with her otherwise I would have

advised her to run the party from abroad. However, this conversation between myself and Mohtarma was better and more heartfelt as compared as to our conversations in the past. I condoled her shahadat with Mr. Asif Ali Zardari and Makhdum Amin Fahim on telephone.

My Dear Sindhi Brothers!

Has MQM or Altaf Hussain ever compromised on being a son of Sindh? Did any Nationalist take any stand worth the name, the way MQM took a principled stand on NFC award and Kalabagh dam?

My Dear Sindhi People!

Altaf Hussain is a son of Sindh, some of us are old Sindhis, some relatively old and some are new Sindhis. All these live and earn here and consider Sindh their home. Do you still not consider Altaf Hussain and Mohajirs as Urdu speaking Sindhis? If it is true then all prominent and responsible Sindhis should announce that all those who migrated to Sindh and who live and die here will never be a part of Sindh.

My Dear Sindhi People!

The victimization of Urdu speaking communities in Sindh, burning of their houses, shops, factories will not hurt or deter the murderers of Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Shaheed. On the other hand the burning and destruction of the properties of Sindhi, Balochi, Punjabi, Seraiki, Pakhtoon and other nationalities who joined MQM will not hurt Mohtarma's murderers or discourage them either

In the end I will appeal to my Sindhi brothers, mothers, sisters and elders that please come forward to play their role to fill this gulf. Because enemies of Sindh, want Sindh to remain confronted on linguistic basis and they keep on enjoying and ruling the Sindh.

May Allah Ta'allah award the crown of shahadat to Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto and may she rest in peace under the blessing of Masomeen-e-Karbala, Panjatan Pak and Aulia-e-kiram. Ameen and may God accept my appeal for patience and tolerance despite of all the terrorism.

Yours Truly

Altaf Hussain.