

Responses to the ORF Discourse on Pakistan:

A very thought provoking writing.

Dr Shahid Masood
GEO TV

Read it with great absorption. Much educated. Congratulations.

Kamlesh Sharma
Secretary General, Commonwealth

Bravo. You must stray more often into 'punditry'....More power to your pen.

C. Uday Bhaskar
Convenor, Foreign Affairs Group, India International Centre

This is a brilliant piece and I intend to share it widely with my friends. While I suppose that one tends to like things which agree with one's world view and one's view of what is happening in Pakistan, my admiration for what you have done goes far beyond that. The report looks like a great summary of a book....when is the book coming???

Sarwar Lateef
Ex. World Bank

What a candid and objective analysis. Kudos. I wholly endorse the central theme that there are far too many interconnected links amongst Pakistan's principal players. My Congratulations on the perceptive piece.

Gen. V. Raghavan
Delhi Policy Group

It is a fine analysis, succinct, informative, topical and written with your characteristic lucidity. You have covered well the various phases of Pakistan's slow decline into becoming a client state of the west, but more significantly, I think you ought to consider Saudi Arabia too, which 'owns' Pakistan more, but is actually revered, not resiled like the US.

Jaswant Singh
Former Minister for External Affairs.

Thanks for the piece. It makes interesting reading. And the validity of the contents even today remains.

Gen. Satish Nambiar
Director, United Service Institution of India

Congratulations on a dispassionate, comprehensive original piece. Re-reading it today, I am convinced that only a generous observer of Pakistan's many yesterdays, today and tomorrow could have written a piece of this objectivity. You have demonstrated a masterly understanding of the interplay of Pakistan's politics over the last several decades, more particularly during the post 9/11 period, of the following elements and factors in Pakistan's politics: The interaction and the interests of the political groups and parties such as PML -Nawaz; PML-Q; Jamaat-i-Islami; PPP; MQM; the Pakistan Army; ISI; and the ISI promoted Jehadi Pakistani organizations.

S.K. Singh
Ex. Foreign Secretary; Governor, Rajasthan

The preface mentions your belief in the need for Indian journalists to see world events from Indian eyes. I think you have been true to this tenet, so that the Discourse Paper sets the developments in Pakistan within the wider context of a global pattern that has its own implications for India.

C.R. Jayasinghe
High Commissioner of Sri Lanka

Excellent piece. I've passed it around and beyond the IISS.

Rahul Roy Chaudhury
Senior Fellow for South Asia, The International Institute of Strategic Studies, UK

Have read this carefully – brilliant.

M. J. Akbar
Editor, Author

Terrific essay, intellectually rigorous, stimulating and perceptive.

Phillip Knightley
Author, Winner International Journalist of the year awards.
