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SANA NEWS

ASA Proposes a Federation

Australian Sindhi Association has asked SANA to lead an effort to bring all Sindhi associations overseas under one umbrella in the form of a federation or a congress. This will allow establishment of a central office for overseas Sindhis and appointment of a full time coordinator to promote the cause of Sindhis on worldwide level.

Next GBM

Next General Body Meeting of SANA will be held in Washington, D.C. in July 1990. Exact details of the dates and place will be released soon by Dr. Badar Shaikh, who is the chairman of the local organization committee. Dr. Altaf A. Memon invited Ms. Zarina Baloch in person on behalf of SANA on January 7, 1990 in Hyderabad. Ms. Baloch agreed to come and perform in the GBM. In order to make her trip worthwhile in the North America, Sindhis in different cities of USA and Canada are requested to organize public and/or private concerts for Zarina Baloch. Anybody who wishes to coordinate such concerts please come in contact with Mr. Khalid Hashmani at (416)291-2915 for details.

A list of invited Speakers being considered include Mr. G. M. Syed, Mr. M. Ibrahim Joyo, Mr. Mumtaz Ali Bhutto, Mr. Keerat Babbani, Mr. Shaikh Ayaz, Dr. Hamida Khuhro, Makhdoom Rafiquzzaman, Dr. Sulleman Shaikh, Mrs. Mahtab Rashdi, Dr. Nabi Bux Baloch, Dr. Ghulam Ali Allana, Mr. Amar Jaleel, Ms. Veena Shringi, Prof. Popti Hiranadani, Mr. Siraj Memon, Syed Tariq Ashraf, etc.

SANA is asking its members to contact Dr. Badar Shaikh and Mr. Khalid Hashmani to help in obtaining firm commitments and providing for travel arrangements for the artists. SANA needs commitments for travel arrangements for at least four persons. An initial

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NEWS FRONT

Note: News items are collected from newspapers, periodicals and individual sources. Selection of news items is made keeping in mind the interests of our readers. Often times, it is not possible to verify the accuracy of the news. We reserve the right to publish corrections when necessary. SANGAT and SANA, however, are not responsible for contents of the news items.

EDITOR.

A SANA Member's Home Attacked

The house of Dr. Akhtar Bhatti, a prominent member of SANA, was attacked by terrorists in Phulleli area of Hyderabad. Dr. Bhatti's house was among many of the houses in that area, inhabited by Sindhis, which were attacked. Hyderabad administration and the government of Sindh did not bother to provide any protection to these Sindhis. After this incident, most of these people have left their homes and are living with relatives. SANA is outraged at this continuous and unabated terrorism against Sindhis in Hyderabad. SANA executive council has expressed sympathy and support to Dr. Bhatti and his family. SANA has issued a statement condemning terrorism against Sindhis and has deplored the inability of the PPP government to provide security to Sindhis living in Hyderabad. SANA has demanded that the government provide compensation to Sindhis effected and protect the life and property of Sindhis in Hyderabad.

US Ambassador in News

US ambassador in Pakistan was severely criticized in Sindhi press for his alleged role in planning the division of Sindh on ethnic basis. A Sindhi newspaper published a letter written by the Director of HDA to the mayor of Hyderabad in which he claimed support of the ambassador for the division of Sindh. US consulate in Karachi, however, issued a statement denying the allegations.

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EDITOR'S VIEWPOINT

SANA has completed five years. It is perhaps the time to take stock of our achievements and our failures. Also, it is perhaps the time to learn from our mistakes and set new priorities for the present and the future. We are as a diverse group of people as there can be any. Everyone of us views SANA differently and aspires that SANA does things his/her way. Therefore, depending on how you view SANA there are successes which make you proud and there are failures which make you disheartened.

Looking back it can be said that SANA had a descent start amidst apprehension, uncertainty and indifference. Under these trying times persistence and perseverance of few individuals paid off. Many people became enthusiastic, new ideas were put forward and several projects were launched. But geographical distances, unclear goals and non-cooperation became the difficulties which put many of us off. In came the era of democracy in Pakistan and there was an emotional letdown. We thought the establishment of democracy would solve all our problems. Little that we knew, political change in Pakistan impacted SANA in one way or another. There are signs of simmering differences. It, however, remains to be seen whether we are intelligent and tolerant enough to overcome the differences and accommodate each others viewpoint, or we are dumb enough to breakaway in different directions.

Recent events in Sindh indicate an unending spiral of violence and hatred unleashed by terrorists of all colors. It poses serious challenge for us to understand the situation and respond in a reasonable, responsible and forceful way. Terrorism of all kinds must be condemned no matter who purports it. Any attempt by anybody to undermine national and historic rights of Sindhi nation must also be condemned.

The recent PPP government changes in Sindh may not be enough to straighten out the mess. The problems are deep rooted and have national and international connotations. Without realistic policy changes there is not much any government can do to create better conditions in Sindh.

VIEWPOINT

MQM TERRORISM

By
Dr. Akhtar Bhatti

I have recently received the tragic news from Hyderabad, Pakistan, on January 30th that MQM terrorist Muhajir organization attacked and vandalized and destroyed the homes and businesses of the Sindhi community in Phulleli, Hyderabad. On that afternoon they killed two Sindhi students near Sre Ghat, after that in presence of army, under curfew 35000 Muhajirs led by Mayor of Hyderabad Mr. Aftab Sheikh, Deputy Mayor K. Bhayya and a MQM MPA Mr. Maqbool Qureshi marched towards Phulleli and started ravaging places of businesses and started assaulting families especially women and children. Fifteen businesses were destroyed including fifteen-bed maternity clinic and a tobacco agency owned and managed by my two brothers Mr. Afzal Bhatti MD, and Mr. Munawar Bhatti. The estimated cost was quarter of a million of Pakistani rupees, also my younger brother Mr. Arshad Bhatti sustained bodily injuries and his motorcycle was stolen by MQM terrorists. As a result five hundred families took refuge to different places such as remote areas of Hyderabad and Karachi fleeing for their lives. The mostly affected areas including Darya Khan Bhatti village, Manik Bhatti village, Kachi Para, Pretabad, and Dal Para. All the affected families are suffering from financial and emotional hardships.

The government and Chief Minister of Sindh is not concerned about the current affairs, I therefore appeal to all SANA members to launch a protest campaign against this violent incident and write to the members of the US Congress and Senate about this tragedy, also they should send telegrams to Chief Minister of Sindh and Prime Minister of Pakistan Benazir Bhutto, demanding the protection of Sindhi families living in Hyderabad and also demand for the financial and emotional support for the affected families.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

..... Please publish Mr. Daudpota's article in the next issue of SANGAT.
(Shabnam Shallwani, Southbend, Indiana)

..... Certain names were mentioned in the last issue as possible invited speakers in the next GBM. It would have been better if few lines for each one of them were also included so that the readers were informed about their deeds for the cause of Sindh. There are some names of very influential people such as G. M. Syed who could have opened many schools and hospitals. Had he donated monies for this purpose, there would have been hundreds of such institutions in Sindh.
(Sarfraz Memon, Gaithersburg, MD)

..... I am looking for a job. Please publish an ad. for me in SANGAT.
(Munawar Memon, Ames, Iowa)

..... Recent issue of SANGAT issue is a sigh of relief after the previous depressing issue. I am glad you are able to recognize the danger which Sindhis in U.K have failed to do.
(Dr. Manzoor Memon, Essex, U.K.)

REFLECTIONS

NONVIOLENCE IN SINDH

BY

Q. Isa Daudpota

In January issue of Herald, Mr. Ibrahim Joyo gives a clear analysis for the discontent among the Sindhi speaking community. He perhaps is the first Sindhi intellectual who has openly expressed the displeasure many feel at the wayward attitude of the Jeay Sindh. For his candidness he may be criticized in some circles, but his forthrightness will be applauded by the majority of peace loving citizens. It is only right that he has reproached the tactics of other ethnic extremists such as MQM and PPI. The disruptive antics of Jamat Islami are also presented as one of the reasons for the present muddle.

Mr. Joyo moans the fact that in the violence that has gripped the province, "the warring sides don't give any allowance to each other for being Muslims." Surely he can not be serious when referring to Muslim affection! The events in Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Iran and Iraq have dispelled this romantic notion of brotherhood. Mr. Joyo's comments have trumpeted the old slogan of the Ideology of Pakistan, used by successive elites as a cure-all for all ills.

Years of doubt and suspicion that have grown between the different communities that live in Sindh will not vanish through wishful thinking. A concerted effort is required from all those who are in the position to influence public attitudes. Our society needs a long delayed lesson in nonviolence, and a rejection of an eye-for-an-eye mentality.

This is not a place for sermonizing on the efficacy of non-violent methods. These have been successfully demonstrated in parts of the subcontinent, and in the rest of the world by anti-nuclear and environmental groups, many community organizers and human right activists. Those who wish to get involved in making our society move toward recognizing peaceful ways of solving conflict would do well to acquire a copy of "Resources Manual for Living Revolution: A handbook of skills & tools for social change activists" by Virginia Coover et al, and published by New Society Publishers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANA AWARDS

SANA Awards Committee invites nominations for several Student Awards and a Scientist Award. Persons nominated for the student awards must be enrolled in or graduated from a North American High School or College. The nominees should have at least a GPA of 3.5, SAT score of 1350, and/or achieved excellence through other scholarly activities.

The Scientist Award nominee should be Sindhi Scientist/Scholar who has achieved excellence in his/her field anywhere in the world. Any field of pure and social sciences will be considered.

Nominations should be forwarded by the candidates themselves or by any SANA member. Nominations should be made by writing to the Chairman of Awards Committee along with detailed documentary evidence of achievements at the following address:

Dr. Badar Shaikh
4604 Tonquil Street
Beltsville, MD 20705 USA
(301) 937-4759

The nominations should be received by no later than June 15, 1990. Selections of nominees for the Awards will be decided by the Awards Committee unanimously. The Committee's decision will be final and cannot be challenged. The awards will be presented to the successful nominees at 1990 SANA General Body Meeting.

NEW MEMBERS

AGHA, Mr. Munir Hussain	Weymouth, MA
AJWANI, Mr. Ramesh & Mrs. Koshilia	Greenville, SC
BHATTI, Dr. Akhtar H.	Buena Park, CA
DAUDI, Mr. Aftab Ahmed	Worcester, MA
HASHMANI, Dr. Akhter A.	Ontario, Canada
KEERIO, Mr. Imtiaz Ali	Worcester, MA
MEMON, Mr. Abdul Karim & Mrs. Ishrat	College Park, MA
MEMON, Dr. Ghulam M. & Mrs. Naseem	Pittsburgh, PA
MUGHAL, Mr. Rafiq A. & Mrs. Renee	Glencoe, MO
QALBANI, Mr. Diwan Ali	Providence, MO
SHAH, Mr. Manzoor Hussain	E. Weymouth, MA
SHAIKH, Mr. Nisar A. & Mrs. Brenda	Athens, OH
THEBO, Mr. Dost Mohammed	Worcester, MA

SANA NEWS continued

estimate of the expenses for four roundtrip tickets is US\$5,000.00. SANA is negotiating with certain organizations in United Kingdom for Zarina's concert so that the travel cost could be shared. SANA, however, will appreciate donations for financing these expenses. Please call Mr. Hashmani.

Donations

SANA has released a list of people who pledged donations at the 5th GBM in St. Louis. The names and donations pledged are:

1. Amanullah Pathan	\$4,000
2. Bashir Ahmed Bhund	3,000
3. Rafat Ansari	1,000
4. Afzal Arain	1,000
5. A.W. Bhatti	1,000
6. A. Wahab Kazi	1,000
7. Askar A. Qalbani	1,000
8. Mahmood Qalbani	1,000
9. Aijaz Shaikh	1,000
10. Farukh Shaikh	1,000
11. Saleem Ursani	1,000
12. Mithal Vakassi	1,000
13. Nandlal Varyani	1,000
14. Liaqat Jumani	500
15. Mazahar Iakho	500
16. Ashiq Shah	500
17. Shabir Shaikh	500
18. Aftab Ansari	500
19. Shamlal Tekwani	500
20. Khalid Hashmani	300
21. Javaid Laghari	300
22. Iqbal Tareen	300
23. Ali Mohd. Ansari	200
24. Zahida Bhutto	200
25. Aftab A. Kazi	200
26. Manzoor Memon	200
27. M. H. Panhwar	200
28. Bhagwan Satiani	200
29. G. M. Bhurgri	153
30. Agha K. Khan	150
31. Habib Abbasi	100
32. Feroz Ahmed	100
33. Jay Ansari	100
34. Jameel Daudi	100
35. Sajida Khan	100
36. Khalid Laghari	100
37. Nand Lakhwani	100
38. Khalil Memon	100
39. Aslah Qalbani	100
40. Saleem Shah	100
41. Anwar Shaikh	100
42. Malik Dino Shaikh	100
43. Zahur Siddiqui	100
44. Aziz Soomro	100
45. Narendra Soorya	100
46. Aijaz Turk	100

47. Irshad Ansari	50
48. Manzoor Memon(UK)	50
49. Amjad Qalbani	50
50. Haider Qalbani	50
51. Badar Shaikh	50

SANA executive council thanks all of the above donors and requests that all unpaid pledges may be paid as soon as possible.

SANGAT WORLD Launched

A meeting was held in Hyderabad, Sindh, between Dr. Altaf A. Memon, a SANA representative, and Mr. Adam Khan Laghari to discuss SANGAT WORLD. One of the decision made in that meeting was to issue monthly SANGAT WORLD in Sindhi from Hyderabad, Sindh. A report has been submitted to the SANA executive council and the magazine will be issued after the approval of SANA. It will cost SANA \$4,000 per year to publish SANGAT WORLD until the magazine becomes self sufficient. Please call Mr. Khalid Hashmani for any suggestions and/or comments.

Sindhology Requests SANA Assistance

Dr. Abdul Qadir Jonejo, Director of the Institute of Sindhology, has written to SANA for assistance in obtaining computing facilities to be used for research, library, museum and publication/printing. In this day and age the institute does not have a single computer. It is a shame. The Sindhology is a world famous institution which all Sindhis can be proud of. It is the duty of every one of us who are living in this technological society to help one of our the most important institution to usher into an era of computer technology. SANA is considering institution's request to provide the Institute with a micro computer, laser printer and desktop publishing system. It is estimated that it will cost close to \$10,000.00 to accomplish this task. SANA wishes to ask its membership to advise the executive council on how to raise funds in this regard and what computer equipment will be most appropriate. Please feel free to contact Dr. Altaf Memon at (717) 691-1503 or Mr. Khalid Hashmani at (416) 291-2915 for more details. Any donations exclusively for this purpose will be appreciated.

Mehran Educational Council Proposal

Mehran Educational Council has requested both SANA and SMNA for assistance. It has submitted three proposals for consideration. These proposals include opening Sindhi medium schools in Karachi, providing educational materials and obtaining microcomputers for educational use. SANA is considering these proposals and will coordinate with SMNA to do as much as possible. SANA members are requested to consider these requests and contact Mr. Hashmani to provide suggestions and ways in which the funds may be obtained for this noble cause.

WSC Attends Human Rights Meeting

World Sindhi Congress has nominated Dr. Halepota, WSC General Secretary, to attend 46th session of United Nations Commission on Human Rights, being held in Geneva to present the case of Sindh.

Mehran Engineering College Request

Dr. Mehmood Memon, Director of Computer Center at the Mehran University Engineering College, Nawabshah, has requested SANA for donation of a Laser Printer for their computer lab. The computer Center offers courses in computer programming to the students in various schools and colleges in the area. It is the first of its kind computer center in rural Sindh. The center has created tremendous response that classes are offered in several shifts and students are coming to learn computer science from considerable distances. SANA is considering this request to provide a laser printer to the Mehran University at an estimated cost of US\$2,500.00. SANA membership is requested to advise the executive council on raising the necessary funds and appropriate type of laser printer for this purpose. You may call Dr. Altaf Memon or Khalid Hashmani. Donation of a laser printer or any amount, especially from former students of Mehran University Engineering College, Nawabshah, will be appreciated.

SANA Member Blessed

Dr. & Mrs. Sarfaraz Memon, active SANA members, have become proud parents of a son. SANA wishes them all the best.

SANA Information Secretary Blessed

Dr. & Mrs. A. Razzak Memon, also became the proud parents of a son, A. Rafee Memon, on February 19, 1990. SANA also wishes them all the best.

SANA Membership Directory

The updated SANA Membership Directory is in final stages of preparation with new features, updated membership information and our new members. SANA Information Secretary is putting on the final touches, so look for it soon in your mailbox.

NEED HELP FIND JOB

I have recently graduated in Civil Engineering with emphasis on computer applications. I am looking for work particularly in the area of Geographical Information Systems (GIS). Any SANA member who could help me find job, please contact me at (515) 296-8187 or write to:

Munawar Memon
985 Pammel Court
Ames, Iowa 50010

SANA Executive Council Cordially Invites You

to

**6th Annual SANA Meeting
July 13-15, 1990
Washington DC Area, USA**

at

**Holiday Inn, Gaithersburg
2 Montgomery Village Ave
Gaithersburg, Maryland**

Contributions Invited

The publication committee invites your contributions to the SANGAT Newsletter in the form of news items, letters, book reviews, small articles, opinion columns on current issues, etc.

The items for publication should be typed or legibly hand written. Following maximum limits should be followed:

News items	5 lines
Letters	100 words
Book reviews	100 words
Articles	2 pages
Opinion columns	1 page

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All items must be submitted directly to the following address:

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NEWS FRONT continued

Makhdoom Rafiq Questioned

Makhdoom Rafiq, a Sindh minister and chairman Hyderabad district council, is being questioned why the district council has not implemented a plan of opening agricultural produce markets outside Hyderabad city limits. These markets were to be created to protect Sindhi producers from harassment in the city and save them monies otherwise paid to city produce brokers. It is being alleged in the Sindhi press that the council has abandoned the produce market plans under pressure from the US ambassador.

Curfew After Curfew

City of Hyderabad in Sindh is come to be known as 'Curfewabad.' No sooner did curfew lift in the last week of December that an incident occurred in Phulleli and three people were killed and several injured. Masked gunmen on scooters escaped after shooting. A new curfew was then imposed. This is the way life is in Hyderabad. Every other week there is a new incident and curfew is imposed or tightened. Many times, incidents occur during curfews. Mostly, innocent people get killed from all sides but majority appears to be Sindhis. More recently, twenty people were killed, most of them Sindhis in attacks by terrorists on Sindhi villages around Hyderabad and from moving vehicles in Hyderabad. Similar retaliatory incidents were also reported from Hala, Nawabshah, Larkana, Sukker and Mirpurkhas. Curfew was also imposed in Nawabshah. A procession lead by Mr. Aftab Shaikh, the mayor of Hyderabad, was also fired upon in Hyderabad in which both the mayor and his deputy narrowly escaped injuries.

Terrorist Actions in Karachi

In early February, MQM supporters went on rampage in Karachi attacking police stations, PPP supporters and Sindhis throughout the city. A curfew was imposed in several parts of Karachi. Soldiers in machine - gun mounted jeeps patrolled the streets. The terrorists openly violated the curfew and fought pitched battles with police and security forces. The latest round of killing has raised the count to about 48 dead and 200 injured including police and military officers.

Jeay Sindh Leaders Attacked

Ghulam Shah, Vice Chairman of Jeay Sindh Mahaz, was shot at when he and his cousin Faiz Shahbaz were driving through Liaqatabad, a MQM dominated part of Karachi. Mr. Shahbaz was killed in the incident, whereas, Mr. Ghulam Shah suffered serious injuries. Jeay Sindh Mahaz has strongly condemned the attack and demanded the arrest of the culprits.

Nawaz Foments Sindh Unrest

Agha Siraj Durani, a Sindh provincial minister, said that COP had planned in advance to hurl false accusations against PPP in January 26 COP meeting in Karachi. The minister said that the government has evidence which proves that IJI chief Mr. Nawaz Sharif has assured the separatist and ethnic organizations of working against the interests of Sindh.

HMC Discrimination

Opposition counselors in the Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (HMC) have blamed MQM dominated city government of discrimination against non-MQM areas of Hyderabad by ignoring these areas in the city budget allocations.

MQM Armed

It has been rumored in the press that MQM has secured sophisticated arms and has fully operational paramilitary and intelligence wings. These forces allegedly operate torture cells and carry out terrorist actions. According to these sources MQM has 60,000 Kilashinkof rifles, rocket launchers and assorted armaments. Recently, several anti-tank rockets were accidentally discovered from a ditch in MQM dominated area of Karachi giving credence to these reports.

PPI and MQM Patch up

On January 25, 1990, a day before planned COP meeting, an understanding was reached between MQM and PPI. The talks between the two extremist groups were arranged by IJI. ANP leaders Wali Khan and Ghulam Bilour congratulated the two groups and asked Karachi Pathans to cooperate with mohajirs.

Baby Girl Born to Benazir

Prime minister Benazir Bhutto gave birth to a baby girl, her second child, in Lady Dufferin Hospital, Nankwara, Karachi. She is the first head of a government to give birth to a child while in office. The baby was delivered by Dr. Sethna in a Caesarian operation. The baby weighed 7 pounds. Among the names being suggested for the baby were "Marvi" by family members and "Bemisal" by supporters in the PPP. Baby was, however, named "Bakhtawar".

Syed's 88th Birthday

The 88th birthday of Sindhi nationalist leader Mr. G. M. Syed, who is a political prisoner, was celebrated in many towns and cities of Sindh on January 17, 1990. Special issues of all Sindhi newspapers were published with articles and exclusive portraits and contributions of Mr. Syed for the cause of Sindh were lauded in the editorials. His being in the jail under democratic days was deplored. "The democracy has been restored to the country but Syed is behind bars," wrote Awami Awaz.

3rd. Anniversary of Fazil

The third death anniversary of Fazil Rahu was observed throughout Sindh. His contribution for the emancipation of poor people of Sindh were especially appreciated.

Anniversary of Hemoon Kalani

On January 21, the 48th death anniversary of Hemoon Kalani was observed in Sindh. Hemoon Kalani was a young Sindhi student of class X who was hanged in Sukker in 1942 by the then British Colonists for attempting to derail a train carrying arms for crushing an uprising in Sindh.

Punjab Pollutes Sindh

Water shortage in Sindhu ('Indus') is causing severe damage to standing crops in Sindh. The shortage is being caused by diversion of Sindh waters by Punjab through illegal link canals.

The federal government has failed in providing Sindh's fair share of Indus water. As a consequence, Indus below Punjab is basically a sewer line for Punjab's domestic sewage and industrial wastewater. This is causing serious environmental, public health and economic problems for Sindh. Sindh government, however, has taken absolutely no action to voice its concerns.

Death Warrant for Sindh

Daily Awami Awaz, a Sindhi newspaper, has written an editorial on January 14 under the caption "Death Warrant for Sindh," in which it has criticized a statement of WAPDA General Manager, underlining the need of constructing the Kalabagh Dam. In a related story it was reported that waterlogging and salinity is creating havoc in Khairpur and Nawabshah rendering agricultural lands useless.

ANP Leaders On Fifth Nationality

Wali Khan and Mr. Bilour, leaders of ANP, have spoken about a possibility for 5th nationality in Pakistan. In an interview with Frontier Post before leaving for Karachi to participate in the COP meeting, they raised the hopes of MQM by giving feelers that they saw such possibility close to being the truth in a very near future.

Mumtaz Critical

Mr. Mumtaz Ali Bhutto, Chairman of Sindh National Front, said on January 25 that the government's inability to control the law and order situation in Sindh had become intolerable for the people who had voted it into power.

Sindh MPAs' Concerned

A joint statement was issued by 13 Sindh MPAs of PPP showing concern for harassment of Sindhi students in Karachi by terrorist student groups. They accused the Karachi police for arresting Sindhi students in Karachi on false charges and torture given to Rahim Thebo under police custody.

Ramey Rejoins PPP

Mr. Haneef Ramey, former chief minister of Punjab and the strong supporter of the 'Punjab Case', rejoined the PPP on January 18 after meeting with Benazir Bhutto.

Sindhis Murdered

Two senior Sindhi leaders of SPSF, Aftab Alam Shoro and Niaz Morai, were shot dead and two others, Zulfikar Abro and Zaffar Ujjan, were seriously wounded by terrorists on the outskirts of Hyderabad as they were returning in a car from Tando Jam. In other terrorist actions against Sindhis in Hyderabad one Muhammad Shah was shot dead near Pucca Qila. Anwar Abbasi and Khuda Bux were injured but survived.

Police Arrest Sindhi Doctors

The Saddar police raided the JPMC and arrested two Sindhi doctors Om Parkash and Ashfaq Memon. Sindhi Doctors Association held a rally in front of the office of JPMC Director demanding the release of the Sindhi doctors. They urged the reinstatement of Dr. Noor Mohammad Soomro and Dr. Raja Memon who were fired by the Director for no reason.

Private TV

The Pakistan federal government has permitted a private party to establish its own television station on the grounds that it would telecast only educational and recreational programs for its viewers.

JSSF Blames PPP

Mr. Irfan Mahdi and other JSSF leaders have accused the PPP government of adopting undemocratic means against those who do not subscribe to its point of view. They cited the instances of the arrests of Mr. G. M. Syed, Gul Mohammad Jakhrani and others who have been implicated in false cases.

G. M. Shah Hospitalized

Federal Education Minister Syed Ghulam Mustafa Shah was admitted in Islamabad Hospital Complex in December following a heart attack. He was visited by the Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto in the hospital. He is reported to have recovered very well.

Jam Saqi Theory

Comrade Jam Saqi, a member of Pakistan Communist Party, has issued a statement on a conspiracy against Sindh. He asserted that a conspiracy was afoot to divide Sindh. He viewed that the United States, MQM, IJI and some Sindhi politicians were involved in such a plot.

Altaf Opposes Sindhu Desh

MQM chief Altaf Hussain has said that if a single mohajir is alive, the Sindhu Desh would not come into being.

Sachal Congress

Sindh Graduates Association organized an international Sachal Congress in Karachi during the first week of December.

Sindhi Woman Doctor Killed

Dr. Fozia Bhutto was murdered by terrorists in Karachi in JPMC where she was recently forced to leave the Hostel.

SWC Condemns Killing of Sindhis

An executive body meeting of WSC was held in Staffordshire, U.K. Concern was expressed at the continued terrorist attacks against Sindhis and failure of the PPP government to protect the life and property of Sindhis. Also continued detention of Sindhis was deplored when even the terrorists involved in killing innocent Sindhis have been released without trial. WSC demanded the unconditional and honorable release of Sindhi students and intellectuals, including Mr. G. M. Syed.

Ibrahim Joyo On Sindh

Mohammad Ibrahim Joyo, a leading Sindhi intellectual, has expressed his views on the state of violence in Sindh in an interview with HERALD. He said, "The views of the MQM, Jeay Sindh and PPI are on record. I consider these three organizations to be mainly responsible for communal violence." He further said that the basic problem in Sindh is the continuous influx of outsiders in Sindh. Sindh is the national homeland of the Sindhis. Sindhis have the right to live here in a majority and demand the exterment of illegal immigrants.

Film On Bhutto

Pakistan's censor board has banned "Zamir ka faisla", a film based on the life of the late Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. Mushtaq Changezi, Kamal Irani and Kanwal played the roles of Mr. Bhutto, Zia and Benazir, respectively.

Sindh Desh Campaign

Mr. Qamar Bhatti, a Jeay Sindh activist, said in Bombay, India, that 113 Sindhis including 11 children and 15 women have been killed since the advent of Benazir Bhutto's rule and nearly 10,000 incarcerated in jails for spousing the cause of freedom for Sindh. He said that the martyrdom of 113 Sindhis will not snuff out the campaign for an independent Sindhudesh but instead intensify the movement for accelerated freedom.

Sindhi Airmen Incarcerated

About 31 Sindhi airmen are still languishing in Pakistani jails. These airmen were in the Pakistan Air Force and were imprisoned during Zia Marshal Law regime under false charges. The only reason that they were jailed was that they were Sindhis. Many appeals for their release to the present democratic government of Benazir Bhutto have fallen on deaf ears.

Qaim Ali Shah Resigns

Syed Qaim Ali Shah, Chief Minister of Sindh, resigned his post and dissolved the Sindh Cabinet. Mr. Shuban Bakhat Mirani has been appointed as new Chief Minister of Sindh. Six Ministers from the previous cabinet have been dropped and the new cabinet has been formed. Makhdoom Rafique has become the most powerful Minister in the cabinet holding the port folio of the Interior Ministry.

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