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## Seraiki Cause versus PPP Personality cult

Posted by vixbenny - 2008/01/16 07:28

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I wish to know the reason for the sudden transformation of our Wasaib from a Seraiki Blog to a PPP Blog. Since when did this site become a site for PPP propoganda?

Why is there this suddent political twist?

First of all, the PPP manifesto does not do anything for the Siraiki cause.

Secondly, i am amazed to see the support for the deceased mother and the succeeding amateur, Bilawal: in a site that is supposed to be for intellectuals and linguists.

How can we support a tradtion of personality cults? Are we going to create a Monarchy in Pakistan in place of a Dictatorship or a Theocracy?

With concern over Wasaib,

Vikram Malhotra Multani

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## Re:Seraiki Cause versus PPP Personality cult

Posted by fmiana - 2008/01/16 08:40

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Dear Vikram Multani,

I really appreciate your concern , You are quite right that there was not even a single word for Seraikis in PPPs manifesto for the forth coming general elections. I dont know why PPP ignored its such a big vote bank. I would say that it amounts to insult of all the Seraikis who unconditionally vote for PPP.

It was one of posts on wasaib.com and Yahoo Seraiki group which brought to the notice of all concerned that PPP failed to address Seraikis in its manifesto.

In my opinion Seraikis should think about themselves , what ever reasoning we may bring forward , PPP will remain a party of Sindhis and will always revolve around the Bhutto or Zardari family . Its only concern with the Seraikis is for baging their votes and nothing else .

Wasaib.com should maintain its neutrality , it should not become a mouth organ of PPP , so that our members or guests dont think that it is a PPP sponsored website.

Regards

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## Re:Seraiki Cause versus PPP Personality cult

Posted by admin - 2008/01/16 14:05

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Dear Farooq and Vikram ,

We welcome the posts in forum. Mr.Vikram's previous posts were deleted as those were offending for millions of Seraikis and other people of Pakistan. Wasaib.com is not a blog of PPP. Benazir Bhutto was with out any doubt the most popular leader throughout Pakistan.

Her worst political rivals paid homage to her and condoled with PPP and her family. No doubt ,with a vision, she has sacrificed her life for her humane political ideals. She was well aware of acute risks to her life. However, she bravely refused to surrender and decided to wage a non-violent struggle for freedom, democracy. moderation and solidarity of Pakistan. And, the solidarity of Pakistan is in the very interest of Seraikis here in Pakistan. History will decide about it. But her ruthless character assassination at this crucial juncture is not fair. Mr. Vikram! Tell me what the reaction was of Hindus over the assassination of Indra Gandhi against Sikh minority. Family legacies in political Parties are common in third world countries, as of Nehru family in India.

Mr. Vikram! You are no more a refugee in India and your community will have to absorb themselves in Indian Nation. We want good friendly relations with your country but not on cost of Pakistan.

Take care,  
Ijaz Bloach

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## Re:Seraiki Cause versus PPP Personality cult

Posted by vixbenny - 2008/01/16 17:10

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Sir,

thank you for your response. I would like to answer your question with a simple answer.

When Indira Gandhi was assassinated, in India, there were 2 reactions.

One sympathized with her and was horrified with what happened.

The other section said that she deserved what she got, as she had got many Sikhs killed during her time. Not only that, she was beginning to get dictatorial.

I am not against BB personally. I am against her political designs which have undoubtedly contributed to the downfall of Pakistan in the 90s.

I am only against the fact that she is being praised out of proportion after she died. If she had not died, she could have been criticized for her mistakes.

I do not support the feudal mentality of the people in naming Bilawal as a successor. Very rustic, retrogressive and counter productive for the image of Pakistan.

I am against the personality cult that is being built and the abuse of BBs assassination.

I do not deny the fact that she was the most popular leader at this time and it is unfortunate that she be killed. But she does not deserve the martyrdom she and the pedestal that people are giving her.

The last place i would like to see the praise of her kind is in Seraiki Wasaib, which should be neutral and not a political mouthpiece of the PPP.

Talking about Indian politics and the press, they would never go to this extent in losing objectivity. They would allow printing of such expressions, contrary to popular emotion. They would be brave and ethical enough to allow people to express themselves in a mature and objective manner, and yet have their own views.

I understand the pain in times of an assassination. But we should maintain our objectivity.

Thank you for reminding me that I am Indian. I am and WAS indian, while still being Seraiki. There is no dichotomy for me between these two. When Pakistan becomes Secular, i am sure, there will be no difference between being Pakistani and Indian any more. So i don't see any difference already, since your goals and mine are common.

Regards

Vikram Malhotra Multani

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## Re:Seraiki Cause versus PPP Personality cult

Posted by fbaqir - 2008/01/18 13:04

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Dear Vikram,

The questions you have raised are very pertinent. However, I request you to distinguish between freedom of expression and expression of freedom. Wasaib has provided space to all Seraikis for freedom of expression and users are

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exercising expression of freedom. Please don't confuse views of users with the policy of wasaib. wasaib's space is open for everyone. If they allow their users to express certain views, they have not closed doors on others. The spirit of free expression is that" let us agree to disagree". Please understand that most of Seraikis and Pakistanis are shocked, grieved, sad and angry over brutal and unjust murder of Benazir. She did not deserve this. It cannot be justified on any moral, legal or political ground. Please don't make moral judgment about people who have expressed their affection for Benazir. Disagreement enriches discussion but moral judgment dehumanize the person who are being judged.

We respect your views and there is ample need and room to understand and discuss what is happening in Pakistan. Let us be patient and discuss the issues instead of pointing fingers on one another for subscribing to different views.

wasaiB stands for diversity, love, affection and blossoming of thousands of flowers.

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## Re:Seraiki Cause versus PPP Personality cult

Posted by vixbenny - 2008/01/18 14:02

Dear Sir,

i agree with you and your point is well taken.

There is no reason that Benazir should have been so brutally killed. I certainly agree with you and take back my words of criticism.

I agree, her political life and decisions are the subject of an entirely different discussion, not apt at this time and in this forum.

However, i am pained by the way the wasaib is taking to idol worship. We should express grief, not deify someone to this extent, and not lose its objectivity. Bilawal is now being praised beyond what he deserves. That, and the glorification of Benazir is not something that is becoming of a forum such as this, just as my harsh moral judgements are inappropriate.

Regards

Vikram

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## Re:Seraiki Cause versus PPP Personality cult

Posted by Rashid Buzdar - 2008/01/19 07:14

Dear Vikram,

"Daughter of the East" Shaheed BiBi is and will remain in our hearts. Discussing about her and PPP at wasaib.com is not affecting any seraiki cause at all.I appreciate Mohtram Ijaz Baloch to pay such a wonderful tribute to BiBi at wasaib.com.

PPP govt has given a lot of projects to the Seraiki belt like new airport,LHC Multan Bench and Sui gas to many cities of Seraiki areas.

Mohtarma chose Farooq Leghari from Seraiki Belt as President of Pakistan but he Betrayed her, People of Pakistan and Seraiki People.

While addressing a big public rally in Muzaffur Garh ,Just 2 days before her Shahadat , Mohtrama criticized Leghari and said that if someone from Seraiki belt puts chaadar on his sister's head, then he never steps back but Leghari turned a traitor against me and now he is all alone while PPP is the most popular party in the country.

Shah Mehmood Quraishi from Multan is president of PPP(Punjab).

In her address in Rahim Yar Khan,just 3 days before her Shahadat, She said that after returning to power the PPP would give Cholistan land to natives and extend interest-free loans to farmers. She also promised a special job quota in government departments for people of the Seraiki belt.

Mohtarma has given seraiki people a lot but we seraiki people have given her nothing.

Mr. Vikrim please let me and other seraiki people tribute her at this seraiki forum and don't make it an issue.If you are not happy with this topic, You can freely post any other topic at wasaib.com.

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Shaheed BiBi was a symbol of hope and democracy for Pakistan and seraiqi people.  
She has left a space that will never be filled .Her face and inspirational personality will always be remembered.  
With Best Regards  
Rashid Buzdar [http://www.wasaib.com/components/com\\_fireboard/uploaded/images/b-97171ca47cf43b774ccf9fba97b6b676.jpg](http://www.wasaib.com/components/com_fireboard/uploaded/images/b-97171ca47cf43b774ccf9fba97b6b676.jpg)

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## Re:Seraiki Cause versus PPP Personality cult

Posted by vixbenny - 2008/01/19 14:43

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Dear Brother Rasheed

I accept and respect your views and regard for the great lady.

I am sorry if i have hurt your sentiments.

I was only voicing my opinion, from what i know. I agree she has done a lot of good in her life, and may she reap the benefits of her good deeds in her after life in God's abode.

May her soul rest in peace and may God give the people of your country the strength to deal with such a great loss.

She was undoubtedly one of greater leaders and a ray of hope for your country, for my country.

May people learn from her mistakes and her realizations, about which she spoke extensively in the Indian media. She was being looked upon as the hope for Indo-Pak friendship in the last year when she began mobilising support for herself internationally.

Yes, you are right, she has done a lot of good, which overshadows her weaknesses, which all of us have at different stages of our lives.

Regards

Vikram

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## Re:Seraiki Cause versus PPP Personality cult

Posted by exiledjournalist - 2008/01/19 20:33

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Slam colleagues,

Forums are for expressing different opinions and everyone has own opinion, we must condemn the killing of innocent civilians all over the world including Pakistan and also similarly for BB as well. she was excellent speaker like many other leaders.our first and last problem is education. Education teach us sympathy, honesty, affiliation, hard work and dedication towards our children and coming generation. we lacking education and tolerance. we always jump in conclusions and ready to make judgments every minutes.in every debate we drag religions,personalities and we are skilled to blame others and no able to identify our faults. No body deprived Seraiki from development, No body snatch anything from them, No body put any pressure on them not to get education, rather i must admit as a seraiqi that we never try very hard to get education. we remained lazy and reluctant to help each other. Leaders of our area including seraiqi leaders never tried to get their share and we never tried to ask them why they never represented us in good manners. If anyone, any party exploited us(seraikis) who should we blame, exploiter? no we should blame ourselves allowing others to exploit us, we spent time following others and never explored our way. we want to cross a river and afraid of water.it not gonna happened , only those will cross who ready to be wet.

i am sorry if i disappoint any one

thanks

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## Re:Seraiki Cause versus PPP Personality cult

Posted by ahsan\_wagha - 2008/01/20 17:48

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Dear Vikram Multani,

I have been reading your accounts occasionally on Wasaib. I am sure, a person like you is capable of appreciating the difference of perception between you and the majority of friends about the BB.

You questioned Wasaib's neutrality. I think neutrality itself required giving sufficient space to the overwhelming solidarity and support for BB and her party. Not only Wasaib, almost all electronic and print media paid homage to this person, and the trend continues.

As far critical examining of a personality, it is separate subject of smaller substance. Personalities are not constructed on aggregate of good and bad of their acts. They rise on the basis of something they accomplish.

Major issues the discussion has touched upon are: (i) the objection about turning political leadership into inheritance, a family saga, and (ii) PPP's silence on Siraiki issue. About the first, people have already defended the decision on various media also by bringing similes from contemporary history—the greatest political tradition of Ghaffar Khan was transferred to his son, his daughter-in-law and his grandson, for instance. It is not the central committees who come with such decisions, it is the masses who extract such decision from them. And this works like a social and political bond evolved over the history. In case of Bhutto family, this bond has cost them heavy. Besides, clash of political interests, in Pakistan, has taken solid divide along class and cultural lines and progression of norms and rules of reconciliation remains to be seen. Central control becomes strategy in such circumstances.

Coming to second issue, I am a Siraiki, have joined the voices protesting insensitivity of the party towards Siraikis. However, fact is, politics is game of correct assessment of power and pressure. Siraikis will themselves have to press the barometer to their side.

Ahsan Wagha

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## Re:Seraiki Cause versus PPP Personality cult

Posted by vixbenny - 2008/01/21 03:34

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Sir,

i respect your expert views.

In the light of your expert analysis, i would only dare to summarize, that

1. I am probably to westernized in my views, and do not support a clanish cult. Hence, i outright reject the decision, be it that of PPP or the majority in Pakistan. Bilawal has not reason to be nominated.
2. Let me turn the question around. The Seraiki cause may or may not have been on the agenda of the PPP. No concern. What does the Seraiki Forum have to do with politics and the greatness of a personality. The most it can and should do is to condemn the killing, an inhuman act. Why glorify a person out of proportion.
3. That my criticism of a personality or a person MIGHT be out of place, i think the praise and glory being showered is unfounded.

Regards

Vikram

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