
Fate of Siraikies in Fast-changing world.

Posted by fmiana - 2006/10/17 12:09

The political situation in Pakistan is quite grim. Killing of Nawab Akbar Bugti by Pakistan military has once again put question on the survival of the state. Pakistan is a complex mixture of too many ethnic and sectarian groups. Pukthoon residing in it have been demading a separate homeland for quite a long time and balochs never accepted Pakistan as their country. Sindhis have always looked upon Punjabis with hatered . In the recent developmentd Sindhis and Balochs , who both share oposition to punjabi dominance , have started talking about a separate state consisting of both these two provinces. Both Sindhies and Baluchs have been conducting seminars collectively and are very close to each other.

Pakistan is passing through its difficult times, we may have been through such situations in past, but this time things are very different . Americans have been predicting that there may be no Pakistan on political map of 2010 . Today I was looking at very interesting map , in which along with many other states in middle east , including turkey and Iran have altered borders and many of the areas which are under the control of these countries have been included in few newly independent states. In that map balochistan is a separate country , consisting of both Pakistani and Iranian controlled baluch areas. Afghanistan in that map includes pukthoon belt of Pakistan (both nwfp and baluchistan Pukthoon areas) , interestingly remaining portion still is called Pakistan , which consists of province of Sindh and Punjab. I really couldnot understand that incase of cessation of Baluchistan and Pukthoon belt , why sindhies will still prefer to stay with Punjab , where as they are traditional enemies of Punjabies.

My question is (God forbade) if Pakistan disintegrates what will be the fate of Siraiki Belt , especially Dera Ghazi Khan and Dera Ismail Khan , as former consists of large baluchi speaking population and later is part of NWFP. The rest of siraiki speaking area, definitely will remain part of Pakistan or Punjab .

Why siraiki intellectuals and impotent political leaders have maintained silence on this issue. Or do they share the Punjabi belief that nothing will happen to this mumlakit e khudad. In case Pakistan disintegrates siraikies will be the biggest losers. It is quite dejecting, when all the nationalities living in Pakistan are raising voices against hatefull burden of dominance by big brother , siraikies are still sitting on a fence. I dont blame anybody here , I know we dont have any political party to show our concerns are think about future line of action. What I do know that future holds very bitter promises for us.

As slient we are from time unknown I think this time too siraikies will be silent spectators and they will just keep witnessing the encroachment of there areas by other ethnic groups. Every thing comes at cost , silence to have its cost, lets see how big it is in case of silent siraikies.

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Re:Fate of Siraikies in Fast-changing world.

Posted by Infidel - 2007/11/18 07:45

fmiana wrote:

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This may be true only in pakistan but not in India. All those who moved to India during partition, have done wonders. All came empty handed to this new land and most of them flourished during the first generation but the second and third generation has done so well. The multanis/punjabis are one of the most prosperous groups in India.

perhaps an elite. indian multanis are entrepreneurial people which believe in reaching to the top and they are succeeding in that

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Re:Fate of Siraikies in Fast-changing world.

Posted by fmiana - 2007/11/18 08:42

Dear Infidel,

You are quite right about the Multanis/ Seraikies in India. Where as Seraikis in Pakistan are facing quite dismal circumstances , where their language, culture, heritage , lands and every thing else is at stake.

As far as Hindus of area now constituting Pakistan are concerned , they indeed were cream of these areas . They were enterprising and had entrepreneurial acumen , beside that they were the backbone of economies in these areas. Nehru

before partition warned that if Hindu exodus occurs , the economies of these areas may collapse.

Now lets look at what happened at the eve of independence . We in Pakistan exchanged our entrepreneurial class which for centuries was playing very important role in running economy and managing the business of the government, with the illiterate people from India. We exchanged most tolerate and liberal class with the fanatics and extremists. India on eve on independence dumped its extremist and in tolerate people into Pakistan . While Hindus leaving these areas carried with them business skills and tolerance , people coming from India brought terms like Deobandism and Bralevism and hatred. Even today where ever these people go the first thing they do is establishment of Madrassah . Which with the passage of time becomes source of tension for the locals of that areas.

Another good thing which happened with India is that all the people who moved to India have assimilated in the respective cultures , I think there may not be a single family which speak Seraiki at home . But here we have witnessed formation of fascist party like Mohajar Qaumi Movement , which is as dangerous as any fascist party could be . These people have not assimilated into local cultures and intermarriages are rare .

Lot of locals even today feel guilty over movement of Hindus across the border , as per saying we gave doves and got crows. But their is source of satisfaction as well, Hindus for centuries lived under fear , but now they have sought eternal asylum where they are prospering . We are sad on our loss but happy that they are progressing in their new homeland.

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Re:Fate of Siraikies in Fast-changing world.

Posted by Gee Raza - 2007/11/18 11:47

The imagery 'cows for doves' is beautiful.

Best Regards- G. Raza

Post edited by: G. Raza, at: 2008/07/21 23:25

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Re:Fate of Siraikies in Fast-changing world.

Posted by Infidel - 2007/11/24 02:15

fmiana wrote:

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hmmmmmmmm.....

That was the land/home of hindus for thousands of years, so why they had to live in fear or become different?

You just answered yourself.

Two people of same "racial stock" yet one is so prosperous and the plight of the other one you stated in your first thread.

The root cause is the belief in two different ideologies. Yet, you and I both know, but will be reluctant to admit or even discuss about it.

Hopefully, one day we will unite and the prosperous one will help his brother, who has " fallen behind".

God bless multani race

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Posted by fmiana - 2007/11/24 03:15

Dear Infidel,

"Hindus for centuries lived under fear , but now they have sought eternal asylum where they are prospering"

That statement given above was true only for the hindus residing on the western boundaries of united India i.e areas now constituting Pakistan. It really is difficult to explain why Hindus lived under constant fear for centuries even in their own homeland. But to great extent , you can find living examples in today's Pakistan . Where a dominant sect holds the same hatred toward the smaller sects which once was held for hindus.

As far as discussion regarding two ideologies is concerned , this forum is open to all kind of discussions which aim at bridging gap (although a near impossible task) between these "two ideologies" . It must be interesting to note that "two ideology" theory remained successful in dividing subcontinent , but in Pakistan it has failed to achieve its objective of creating a nationhood based on ideology.

Partition of subcontinent was a sad event , but the fact remains that this surgery took place due to fanatics on both side of spectrum , which even today sway the political arena on both sides. Lets hope at some time in future the liberals and moderates replace them and try to fill the breach created in summers of 1947.

Regards

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not all of those people migrated from india to pakistan after partition are bad, take for example Dr AQ khan.

the hindus have been migrating to india for the past 60 years because the state has not been able to protect their rights and places of worship.