

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Merrick Garland
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Attorney General Garland,

On January 27, I wrote a letter to President Biden (attached) raising concerns about Pakistan's newly-installed Ambassador to the United States, Masood Khan. In that letter, I requested that President Biden "reject any diplomatic credentials presented by [Mr. Khan]" due to Khan's unmitigated sympathy and support for various US-designated terrorist groups in South Asia. While it defies reason that Masood Khan was approved, his close relationships with domestic actors linked with the Pakistani regime remains a critical concern.

The Islamic Republic of Pakistan has an exhaustive history of using U.S. actors as agents of their government. In 2011, Virginia activist Ghulam Nabi Fai was charged by American prosecutors with serving as a secret agent of the Pakistani government. Fai pleaded guilty and admitted to extensive contact with Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI).¹ It emerged that the ISI had transferred \$3.5 million to Fai and his organization, the Kashmiri American Council.²

Following his release, Fai became involved with a new outfit, the World Kashmir Awareness Forum, and set about forming a partnership with Masood Khan. In May 2018, Fai's group hosted an event in D.C. to "highlight Indian atrocities" in Kashmir – an event where Masood Khan was the [keynote speaker](#).³

In addition to continuing his pro-Pakistan work, Fai also appears to be a close representative of the Turkish regime, serving as a board member⁴ of a leading regime entity

¹ "Statement of Facts," United States of America v. Ghulam Nabi Fai, December 7, 2011. <https://www.docdroid.net/CR6fPtf/post-plea-statement-of-facts-pdf>

² "Virginia Man Pleads Guilty in Scheme to Conceal Pakistan Government Funding for His U.S. Lobbying Efforts," U.S. Department of Justice, December 7, 2011. <https://archives.fbi.gov/archives/washingtondc/press-releases/2011/virginia-man-pleads-guilty-in-scheme-to-conceal-pakistan-government-funding-for-his-u.s.-lobbying-efforts>

³ "US as a promoter and protector of human rights must help Kashmiris: Sardar Masood Khan" May 10, 2018, Kashmir Watch. <https://kashmirwatch.com/us-as-a-promoter-and-protector-of-human-rights-must-help-kashmiris-sardar-masood-khan/>

⁴The Union of Islamic NGO's, Council. <https://idsb.org/en/council-2/>

named the Union of NGOs of the Islamic World (UNIW), an alleged front group⁵ for the Erdoğan regime's paramilitary group, SADAT. Leading a delegation of American Islamist 501(c)(3) organizations in 2018, UNIW and these U.S.-based "charities" met with Masood Khan in his official capacity as President of Pakistani Kashmir;⁶ this meeting included representatives and proxies of violent Kashmir-based Islamist groups.⁷

Masood Khan also has also been tied closely to Pakistani efforts to marginalize India in the United States. Prior to Prime Minister Modi's 2019 visit to America, an organization named Friends of Kashmir – a 501(c)(3) group that works out of the Pakistani consulate in Houston and "frequently collaborates with the Pakistani government"⁸ – worked with other groups to organize large-scale protests against the Indian government after Imran Khan compared India's Modi-led government to the Nazis.

Even as Friends of Kashmir hosted an event with two operatives with ties to Lashkar-e-Taiba in 2017 (the U.S.-designated terrorist group which carried out the deadly 2008 Mumbai attacks in which 166 were murdered), Masood Khan continued to meet with the head of Friends of Kashmir on a regular basis, with social media posts highlighting several meetings at Mr. Khan's residence in Pakistan.

Khan has also worked with groups such as the Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America (APPNA)⁹, whose subsidiary, PAKPAC, has worked closely with Friends of Kashmir. APPNA itself has been described by Imran Khan as Pakistan's "most powerful" lobbying group in the United States.¹⁰

In addition, while Masood Khan was President of Azad Kashmir, a registered 501(c)(3) organization called Helping Hand for Relief and Development (HHRD) repeatedly enjoyed praise from Khan and his official office, which declared its commitment to "cooperation" with the HHRD¹¹ – even after the U.S. Congress raised concerns about HHRD's open cooperation with designated terrorist group Lashkar-e-Taiba.¹²

⁵ "Turkey's Paramilitary SADAT Teamed Up with Convicted Felon in the US to Act against India," By: Abdullah Bozkurt, Nordic Monitor, Feb 11, 2021. <https://www.meforum.org/62053/turkey-teamed-up-with-felon-in-us-against-india>

⁶ "UNIW Visit to Pakistan." <https://idsb.org/en/uniw-visit-to-pakistan/>

⁷ "Umbrella Group for American Government Funded Islamist Charities: U.K, U.S. are our "Enemies." By: Sam Westrop, Feb. 5, 2020. Available at: <https://www.meforum.org/islamist-watch/60372/umbrella-group-for-american-government-funded>

⁸ Westrop, S. (2021, November 15). *A terror supporter goes to Washington: Middle East Forum*. A Terrorist Supporter Goes to Washington. Retrieved February 11, 2022, from <https://www.meforum.org/62780/a-terror-supporter-goes-to-washington>

⁹ See: <https://www.facebook.com/305949531091/posts/10152791220991092/>

¹⁰ "Id.

¹¹ "Helping disadvantaged people hallmark of a civilized society: Masood," November 17, 2020 Lead Pakistan. https://leadpakistan.com.pk/news/helping-disadvantaged-people-hallmark-of-a-civilized-society-masood/?fbclid=IwAR1_xOqqlbRTWM-UVPFtxZHv6EwLwiUuTRPiDT2wEIIhkCG20ErWfu04L4Q

¹² "When Foreign and Domestic Radicals Collide, Congress Takes Notice," By Cliff Smith and Sam Westrop, Washington Examiner Nov 21, 2019. <https://www.meforum.org/islamist-watch/59945/when-foreign-and-domestic-radicals-collide>

HHRD is a subsidiary of the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA), which Johns Hopkins University Professor Vali Nasr has identified as one of the eight major branches of Jamaat-e-Islami,¹³ an international Islamist movement responsible for genocide during the 1971 Bangladeshi War of Independence.¹⁴ In 2019, the organizer of an ICNA/HHRD fundraiser was convicted of lying to the FBI as part of a terror finance investigation.¹⁵

Given the Ambassador's unusual closeness to the aforementioned Islamist groups, we request an investigation into the nature of Mr. Khan's relationships with them. It is vital to U.S. National security that our Government investigate any potential Foreign Agent Registration Act (FARA) violation with regard to Ambassador Khan. He clearly supports terrorists, and if this Administration is happy to provide him with a diplomatic visa, the American People deserve – at the very least – the due diligence from our Government for a thorough investigation and answers.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this crucial matter.

Respectfully,



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¹³ "The Vanguard of the Islamic Revolution: The Jama'at-i Islami of Pakistan," By: Seyyed Vali Reza Nasr. [https://books.google.com/books?id=13ylz6-AbBcC&lpg=PA78&dq="Islamic%20Circle%20of%20North%20America"&lr=lang_en&as_drrb_is=q&as_minm_is=0&as_miny_is&as_maxm_is=0&as_maxy_is&num=100&as_brr=3&pg=PA78#v=onepage&q="Islamic%20Circle%20of%20North%20America"&f=false](https://books.google.com/books?id=13ylz6-AbBcC&lpg=PA78&dq=)

¹⁴ "Turkey withdraws Bangladesh ambassador after Jamaat-e-Islami leader Nizami's execution," By: Sahidul Hasan Khokon Manogy Lolwal, May 12, 2016. <https://www.indiatoday.in/world/story/turkey-withdraws-bangladesh-ambassador-after-jamaat-e-islami-leader-nizami-execution-323210-2016-05-12>

¹⁵ "Manchester Man Guilty of Lying to Federal Law Enforcement During Interview," Thursday, Sep. 19, 2019. <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ct/pr/manchester-man-guilty-lying-federal-law-enforcement-during-interview>