

## THE HISTORICAL BETRAYAL

Benazir Bhutto Zardari said Rajiv Gandhi had failed to deliver on his promise. Benazeer, a novice politician, occupying Pakistan's post of chief executive by dint of being Z A Bhutto's daughter, failed to realize that Rajiv Gandhi managed to extract information from her regarding Khalistani Movement in Indian Punjab. She naively believed Rajiv Gandhi's verbal promise of vacating Indian troops from occupied Saichan and gullibly handed over all files, information about Khalistan Movement.

In this context Benazeer in February, 1994 herself confessed in a BBC interview that "I helped Rajiv Gandhi on the Khalistan problem but he did not stick to his own commitment with me. Indian Punjab would have become Khalistan. Can you imagine India without land access to occupied Kashmir? Indira Gandhi destroyed the Golden Temple with tanks and bombs."

**Khalistan** Movement at the peak would have paved the way for independent nation of Khalistan and also made it very easy for Kashmir to achieve their goal of independence thus saving so much of death and destruction. Kashmir and Sikhs have a reason to believe that Benazeer paid for her sins when she was assassinated in a brutal manner. Islamic title Shaheed is accorded to someone laying his or her life in the way of Allah Almighty but all know Benazeer died for political reasons with a label of a corrupt politician stuck to her for all times to come.

A seasoned politician would, on the contrary, get something in black and white from Rajiv Gandhi or make him first vacate the occupied areas in Saichan and then accept the demand, after proper assessment, to the extent not to damage the national interest of Pakistan. In spite of favouring and offering India all it wanted, India accused Pakistan of supporting the burgeoning Sikh uprising as it was definitely Benazeer government's support that helped India crush the Khalistan movement. Khalistan movement very active in India and abroad; Indian government claimed through an organised propaganda that Pakistan trained, armed and financed Khalistan Movement.

A senior Japanese journalist described Benazeer as an over ambitious accidental politician. The President of exiled government of Khalistan, late Dr. Chauhan is quoted as having said that "Benazeer Bhutto was behind the killings of Sikh freedom fighters in Indian Punjab. The systematic killing could only be possible if someone leaked the information. It is widely believed that the information handed over by Benazeer to Rajiv Gandhi led to massacre of militant Sikh fighters without any big effort made by Indian intelligence agencies and army. Freedom loving Sikhs believe that Benazeer smeared her hands with the blood of thousands of Sikhs without gaining any political mileage or benefit. On the contrary, India played it big on international level and successfully tarnished Pakistan's image.

The State of Pakistan never trusted Benazeer Bhutto and kept her away from the nuclear program. She complained to the Americans about clandestine nuclear program of Pakistan and Bhutto family links with Nehrus and Gandhis going back to several decades had also created doubts about her patriotism and national

loyalty. Then President of Pakistan, Ghulam Ishaq Khan is on record having stated that Benazeer was not a security risk but a security threat to Pakistan. Answering a question President Khan stated that the State of Pakistan acted as per the law against the corrupt and compromised politician of the country.

Khalistan movement at the peak, Kashmir rebellion gaining momentum the uprising was taking its shape into a political struggle backed by armed revolt against Indian occupation. In order to divert international attention from Khalistan Freedom Movement, India deliberately let loose its army on Muslim Kashmir with large scale atrocities and human right violations. India also launched a vigorous campaign against Kashmir branding the resistance by Kashmir populace as 'Islamic' fundamentalist movement. India was misled by minority Brahman community that Kashmiris historically were timid; cowards and according a bit of thrashing will be subdued. The theory, in due course of time, was smashed to smithereens and India insipiently has now taken Kashmir to a point of no return.

Another fact that gives credence to the facts stated above is that Bhutto family had developed very close relationship with Gandhi family staking Pakistan's national interest and security. During General Zia-Ul-Haq's rule when Pakistan had no diplomatic relations with India; Bhutto family made several trips to India. Benazeer's younger son Shahnawaz was found sharing Sanjay Gandhi's bed room at 1 Safdarjung Road, New Delhi the official residence of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Shahnawaz was spotted busy on a shopping spree around New Delhi's Connaught Place shopping centre as well.

People in Pakistan should have asked ZA Bhutto a question that what did he offer Indira Gandhi at Simla in return for 90 thousand prisoners of war. Bhutto damaged Kashmir further by converting Ceasefire Line into Line of Control. The only person responsible for creation of Bangladesh is Z.A.Bhutto as a patriot and a seasoned politician he would have offered the post of prime minister of united Pakistan to Sheikh Mujeeb-u-Rehman and saved Pakistan from dismemberment. The corrupt political leadership of Pakistan be it Benazeer Zardari or Sharif families; safeguarding their own financial interests political future always betrayed Pakistan and Kashmir.