

PAKISTAN IS PASSING THROUGH AN EXTREMELY GRAVE & CRUCIAL PERIOD. THE COUNTRY NEVER NEEDED UNITY AND SOLIDARITY BEFORE THAN IT NEEDS TODAY: ALTAF HUSSAIN

IN THE PAST THE WAR BETWEEN SUPER POWERS WAS PAINTED AS WAR BETWEEN ISLAM AND FIDELITY AND PAKISTAN WAS FORCED TO BE A PART OF IT. TODAY PAKISTAN IS BEARING THE CONSEQUENCES AND REPERCUSSIONS OF THOSE POLICIES.

WITHOUT CURBING THE RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM AND TERRORISM, NEITHER THE SUSTENANCE AND SOLIDARITY OF PAKISTAN COULD BE GUARANTEED, NOR CAN PAKISTAN PROSPER. Interview by the renowned journalist, columnist, Intellectual, and analyst, **Mr. Nazeer Naji.**

London, August 01, 2007: The leader of Muttahida Quami Movement, Mr. Altaf Hussain, has said that Pakistan is passing through its worst, critical, and extremely vulnerable period and it needs commonality and unity today like it never needed before. He was delivering in an interview which was done in a meeting with Pakistan's outstanding intellectual, columnist, and political analyst, Mr. Nazeer Naji at MQM International Secretariat at London. During this meeting the issues discussed include country's political situation, challenges faced by Pakistan, ever-changing geo-political situation in the region, and overall country's status. Mr. Altaf Hussain was very critical of the policies under which the wars between super powers in the past was presented as war between Islam and unfaithful and Pakistan was forced to be a part of those wars, thousands of children of poor parents were used as fuel for those wars under the misleading name of Jihad, and Pakistan is still reaping the repercussions of those foul policies. He further added that the seed of religious extremism which was sown in the past has outgrown in a stout and corpulent tree and just because of this religious radicalism Pakistan is confronting external perils. He insisted that without curbing religious fanaticism and terrorism the sustenance, safety, and solidarity of Pakistan cannot be made sure and with the same token the country cannot prosper too. Mr. Altaf Hussain demanded that keeping in view the current vulnerable situation of Pakistan, it is much needed that we should forget our mutual differences and start thinking as a nation and work for the prosperity of Pakistan. He further insisted on people from every walk of life and specially journalists, writers, and intellectuals that they should keep the nation posted through their lettering. He praised the services of Mr. Nazeer Naji in the intellectual guidance of the youths. Mr. Nazeer Naji greatly applauded Mr. Altaf Hussain's analysis of the current situation of the country. He also agreed with the analysis and insisted on practical steps for the implementation of Mr. Hussain's views. During this meeting Mr. Nazeer Naji's son Aneeqe Naji, Senior Deputy Convener of MQM Coordination Committee Mr. Tarique Javed, and members Coordination Committee Mr. Saleem Shahzad, Mr. Tarique Mir, Mr. Asif Siddiqui, and Mr. Mustafa Azizabadi were also present.