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# Operation Silence Cultivated the Grounds of Militancy in Pakistan

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The seminary of Lal-Masjid (Jamia Faradia and Jamia Hafsa) wanted for fiercely implement Islamic Shariah Law system under the influence of foreign and local militant organizations. To implement this plan, they used their students and started crackdown in federal city Islamabad by shutting down movie shops, attacks on police forces and Chinese Massage center etc. The government warned Ghazi brothers to avoid such incidents. After the failure of peace dialogues and warnings with seminary and government nominations, Pakistani military forces started "Operation Silence" on July 3-11, 2007. The results of this operation were not satisfactory for the solution of this problem. Later on, it was proved that the decision taken by® General Pervez Musharraf, the then President of Pakistan was the worst political decision in the history of Pakistan. Final survey results of the study are 77.64 % respondents commented that militancy increased after this operation across the country but, while 22.36 % commented that militancy increased after North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces attacked on Afghanistan in search of Osama Bin Laden and some other elements. The government of Pakistan has lost 118.3 billion dollars in extremist violence directly and indirectly from 2007-2016. In these strikes, 7000 military officials 'martyred and over 150,000 civilians 'people killed by suicide and targeted attacks from the militants as revenge of this operation. In the past no such study was conducted directly related to this national issue.

**Key words:** Maulana Abdul Aziz Ghazi, Militant Organizations, Pakistan Military Forces, Pervez Musharraf and Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid

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## INTRODUCTION

Lal-Masjid is an old institution of bestowing religious education in capital city of Islamabad, Pakistan. In this institution (Jamia Faradia and Jamia Hafsa) more than 14,000 students (8000 Male and 6000 female) were getting religious education since April 2007. Both institutions were authorized independently, Jamia Hafsa

for female and Jamia Faradia for male education. Male students were restricted from entering in female institution exception of seminary teachers. Military operation was started under the Presidential orders of General ® Pervez Musharraf in July 2007. In this operation, military forces demolished few section of Lal-

Mosque building. In the consequences of this operation, more than 150 students, teachers, military soldiers and civilians died and 500 above injured. As indicated by them, Mosque/Madrassa is a holy place for all the Muslims and considers as the home of Allah. Be that as it may, the political leaders and bureaucrats overlooked the estimations of religion and issued orders for devastation of the mosque by overwhelming barrage.

The results of this operation were not in favor for the country, economically, politically and religiously. Top militant leaders emphasized on their followers for attacks on security forces and other crowd places in the country. All orders issued from tribal areas which considered the hub of militancy and terrorism in Pakistan since United Soviet Sovereign Republics (USSR). Some local militant organizations like as Tahrik-e-Taliban Pakistan, al-Qa'ida, Tahrik-e-Nifaz-e-Shariat-e-Mohammadi Swat, Jaish-e-Mohammadi, Lashkar-e-Jhangvi and others regional organizations were the main cause of unrest in the form of bomb blasts, suicide attacks and target killing. After this operation, daily newspapers were filled with news of bomb-blasts and suicide attacks, targeting killings of military personnel and other innocent natives. This operation consider as one of the most important cause of Pakistan Muslim League, Quaid (PML-Q) defeat in the national elections of 2008.

### History of Lal-Masjid

Lal-Masjid was constructed by Capital Development Authority (CDA), from the financial assistance ministry of finance Pakistan in 1966. Maulana Qari Abdullah was appointed first Khatib (Imam) by President Ayub Khan. He taught the students about extremism during Soviet scenario in Afghanistan. This mosque was used for the radicalism among both genders (Male and Female). Mr. Abdullah played a key role in the protest against Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in favor of Zia. He had close links with President Zia-ul-Haq and other militant's leaders such as Osama Bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahiri, Haq Nawaz Jhangvi etc. Zia-ul-Haq released a grant of Rs. 7.225 million to Abdullah for his support of Mujahedeen in soviet war in 1981. He was also rewarded a plot for Jamia Hafsa near Jamia Faradia for female Madrassain 1988. Mr. Abdullah ordered the construction of Jamia Hafsa in 1992. Ms. Umm-e-Hassan led Jamia Hafsa as Principal of this institution. Most of the students (male and female) belonged to North Western Federal Province (NWFP) and Tribal areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

After the death of Zia, Benazir Bhutto was elected as Prime Minister of Pakistan. She tried to remove Abdullah from Masjid in her 1<sup>st</sup> tenure of politics but failed. Religious lobby and military forces supported him against Benazir actions. Qari Abdullah was assassinated in 1998.

Maulana Abdul Aziz Ghazi and Maulana Abdul Rashid Ghazi both brothers took charge of this institution after the death of father. They continued the mission of father and increase relations with top level militants.

Lal-Masjid seminary was condemned by Musharraf for the participation in United States camp in Afghanistan after 9/11 incident. Musharraf took placed a ban on militancy and its facilitators in 2002. Both brothers tried to interfere in state affairs. They challenged the writ of state. They supported al-Qaeda and Tahrik-Taliban in Pakistan and Afghanistan, increased militant activities in 2004 (Animesh Roul). The government tried to raid Lal-Mosque after London bombing in July 07, 2005 under pressure from United Kingdom (UK). Mr. Shahzad Tanveer a bomber of 7/7 attacks in London 2005 was suspected militant and had links with Lal-Masjid (Muhammad Hussain, Zafar Ali, Ashraf Iqbal and M Riaz Raza, 2013). The government issued warrants for both Ghazi brothers for suspected attempted attacks on Musharraf. They used their students and demanded for the implementation of Nifaz-e-Shariah in Federal City Islamabad, Pakistan on April 6, 2007. Musharraf had announced both Ghazi brothers and Lal-Masjid seminaries pro-Taliban (Zafar Iqbal, 2012).

Capital Development Authority (CDA) issued orders for demolition all illegally occupied buildings in Islamabad. The workers of CDA destroyed 07 Mosques and issued notice to 80 others for being illegally constructed in 2006-2007. Some students of Lal-Masjid seized four policemen as revenge of the demolition of the mosques on May 18, 2007. The government took notice of the actions conducted by the students of Lal-Masjid. The government also exchanged two police men with several students whom were detained. Abdul Aziz Ghazi blamed the government for supporting of western culture in Pakistan.

On July 02, 2007, 2000 Security Officials (1500 Rangers and 500 police commandos) were participated in operation silence. On first day of operation, 12 students killed and 100 above were injured. As per reports, Ghazi was ready for dialogue with government and ready for surrender in 3<sup>rd</sup> day of operation and demanded some conditions. The government rejected his possibly demands. The government offered the male students for surrender of Rs. 5000 (83 dollars) and free education to all those whom were in Mosque and female were insured for safe passage to their home on July 04, 2007. After arrest of Abdul Aziz Ghazi, most of the students had surrendered to the military forces. Operation continued along with dialogues. Musharraf again rejected all his possible demands and ordered military forces for final action. It was completed on July 11, 2007 as resulted 150 students including seminary officials were killed and 10 security Officers Martyred. In this operation, 1700 students male and female surrendered including Ghazi Abdul Aziz who was arrested by security forces. They also used most

dangerous chemicals and gases including Phosphorus in this operation (Saqib Riaz, 2009).<sup>i</sup> The dead bodies of Abdul Rashid Ghazi and his sons were sent to their native town Rajanpure.

## RESEARCH PROBLEM

After the "Operation Silence," militancy increased in the form of bomb blasts and suicide attacks on security forces and public places without any discrimination of religious across the country. Students of Lal-Masjid along with different militant organizations like as Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, Sipah-e-Sahaba, Tahrik-e-Taliban Pakistan and Tahrik-e-Nifaz-e-Shariat-e-Mohammadi etc, destroyed the infrastructure of the government institution in their areas especially in Swat and Tribal areas. The government conducted this operation due to constant pressure from China and United States. Both governments pressurized Musharraf for strong action against the students and seminary of Lal-Masjid. This action was proved the blackish decision in the history of Pakistan.

What factors were responsible in promoting of militancy in Pakistan after this brutal action from military forces?

1. What was the role of militant organizations in public unrest after this operation and its effects on national and international level?
2. What did the involvement from foreign countries like as China and United State made a big cause of this operation for own interests?
3. What did the students of Lal-Masjid used for militant activities under the shadow of Islam from Ghazi brothers for own interests before military action?

Whereas the main objective of the study is:-

- To assess the role of militancy and its effects on national/International level.

## SCOPE OF THE RESEARCH

The scope of this study is wide to respondents approached for the collection of data who belonged to Madrassa and modern educational institutions (students & teachers). However, some political workers, Lal-Masjid seminary, Journalists and NGO's workers were also respondents across the country.

## LITERATURE REVIEW

In this article, "The Militant Saga: Has Musharraf finally

Triumphed Ever Extremism in Pakistan," author revealed on the activist state of mind of Rashid Ghazi. He said that Abdul Rashid Ghazi and his 80 students threatened publically from the enforcement of weapons. He commended the endeavors of para-military forces that captured 1700 students (male and female) in this operation. He uncovered that Ghazi Abdul Rashid declined to surrender until the execution of Shariah Law in the country. He additionally uncovered the last explanation of Rashid that "My death would start Islamic spark in Pakistan." He revealed that during operation different types of weapons found from Lal-Masjid. They were interlinked with militant organizations in Pakistan and other countries of the world. He uncovered that ® General Hamid Gull, chief of ISI denounced Musharraf for the support in Global War on Terror. The author proposed that the Madrassa reforms should be changed as per the requirements according to modern period and this issue should also be discussed in National Assembly of Pakistan. (Iftikhar Ali, 2007).

In the article, "Antigone, Irony and the Nation State: The case of Lal-Masjid (Red Mosque) and the role of militant feminism in Pakistan," portray that some female students of Jamia Hafsa, started crackdown such as shutting down of movies shops and restriction on Music etc. She uncovered that the students of Jamia Hafsa grabbed a lady, as them she was running prostitution business. She wrote that two militants were hidden in Jamia Hafsa student hostel. They were providing training to females for militancy and using of explosive materials etc. The students of Jamia Hafsa were challenging the autonomy of State and tried to interfere in state affairs since 2001 (Shaheen Rasheed, 2016).

In this article, the creator uncovered occurrences which happened in July 2007. He said that number of innocent student (male and female) was killed by the security forces in Islamabad. He uncovered that the issue rose between Lal-Masjid seminary and federal security forces to recover illegal constructed mosques. The student of Lal-Masjid controlled on national children library building. The building was interlinked with Jamia Hafsa. Author uncovered that most hazardous chemicals and gases incorporating phosphorous were used in this operation from military forces (Saqib Riaz, 2009).

In the article, "Pakistan in 2008 moving beyond Musharraf," author described the cause of lost political position of Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid (PML-Q) due to low turnout from the voter. A large number of populations of NWFP were facing the credible situations like military operations, earthquake, other security threats and most of the population pre-poling against Musharraf PML-Q. In fact the result amounted to bitter referendum against Musharraf, dismissal of Chief Justice Iftikhar Chaudhry and because of extensive damage done due to the military operation silence in Lal-Masjid. Military forces destroyed some parts of the Masjid without honor

towards religion. He was also relieved on another reason which was occurred in November 2007 implementation of an emergency in State (Mathew J. Nelson, 2008).

In this article, "Construction of Taliban Image in Pakistan," author expressed that the emergence of Jamia Hafsa and Lal-Masjid as a hub of militancy as reported by the media become an eye opener for the people. The government and media were exposed to the real face of Taliban. He said that Taliban was involved in the killing, abduction, shooting, suicide attacks and other illegal activities in Pakistan. They brainwashed the innocent people for the conspiracies against the State (Shaista Malik, 2011).

In the article, "Pakistan: Significant Recent Event March 26- June 21, 2007," author described, Maulana M. Abdul Aziz announced establishment of a religious court in the Mosque. He also claimed that the thousands of people were ready for suicide attacks if the government involves herself in the affairs of the Mosque on April 04, 2007. The author also wrote that on October 04, 2007, Government of Pakistan blocked the official website of Lal-Mosque. He also revealed that Lal-Masjid seminary issued a Fatwa against Nilofer Bakhtiar, former minister of tourism for un-Islamic behavior, after her photographs came in the local newspaper. In the photographs she was hugging a Frenchman. He wrote that she resigned from the job. She condemned the Lal-Masjid seminary and clarified that the hug was a congratulatory Pat from the Frenchmen for a successful jump with a parachute (Susan G. Chessier, 2007).

In report, "The Red Mosque Operation and its Impact on the Growth of the Pakistan Taliban," author revealed that Baitullah Mehsud and Maulana Fazalullah arranged a rally in favor of Ghazi brothers in Imam Dheri Madrassa and threatened the government. She also described that Mehsud also warned the government of the consequences of the attack on the Mosque. Maulana Faqir Hussain protested in a rally on July 09, 2007 in which thousands of tribesmen participated in favor of Lal-Masjid. He said that they informed Abdul Rashid via Cell phone that his blood would not be wasted. In reports, Islamic movements of Uzbekistan members were producing Mujahedeen in Mir Ali, North Waziristan Agency for increasing their militant strength after this scenario. They captured and killed a numbers of innocent people and military forces officials as revenge against the attack on Lal-Masjid. A Pashtoon soldiers attacked the Special Service Group (SSG) mess in cantonment area near of Tarbela Ghazi Islamabad. According to him, his sister was killed in military operation silence. Abid Hunzala was involved in the attack on Pakistan Air Force (PAF) base in Sargodha on November 1, 2007. He was also enrolled in Lal-Masjid before this operation. He was arrested by the authorities during an operation on suspicion militants' of having links with other organizations. He was released like other students. He

was linked to a militant organization in Karachi and involved in major attacks (Qandeel Siddique, 2008).

## MOTIVES OF OPERATION

Certain incidents were undergone by the students and seminary of Lal-Masjid which lead to military operation. Details are as under:-

1. Some students attacked on Ranger Police check post on July 03, 2007 as result Lawrence Naik killed.
2. Students of Jamia Hafsa captured a woman, Aunti Shamim on suspicion running a prostitution business in Islamabad (2007).
3. The students of Jamia Hafsa and Jamia Faradia captured 09 Chinese staff members. They were running massage center which had bad impact on the younger generation.
4. They kidnapped students of Beacon House School system. They said that co-education is haram in Islamic law system. They demanded the government to close down of all co-education institution in Pakistan.
5. Some students attacked the Ministry of Environment and State Office building which interlinked Jamia Hafsa with heavy weapons. They were occupied the Children library.
6. The students' involved in anti-state activities including kidnapping of innocent people and destruction of video shops.

## RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This study is Qualitative and Quantitative methods were used for the analysis of the data. Deductive approach has been used. Survey method is opted as part of strategy in this research. Microsoft excel was used for the results of the study, cross sectional study. Exclusion criteria: students above 16 years of age in both genders (males and females).

### Study Population

Research data was collected from Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhawa, Islamabad, Federal Administered Tribal Area and Provincial Tribal Areas of Pakistan and online from other countries of the world by using of email address. Research is self-administered by the researcher to the respondents of Madrassas, different modern educational institutions.

### Sample Size and Duration

In this study, 200 Questionnaire forms were distributed

and 75 email addresses were used for the collection of data. In above questionnaire, 50 survey forms were excluded of less than age 16 years and under matriculation study.

### Demographic Data

In this study, 150 people (110 Male and 40 Female) participated. In which 65 people participated from urban and 85 belonged to rural areas. While 138 people belong to Religion Islam and only 12 of them belong to other religions Christian and Hinduism. For better results 128 people were selected from Pakistan and only 22 from other countries.

### Research Instrument

In this research, questionnaire has been used as research instrument. Research Performa were formulated in two variables "Yes/No" as per choice. Questions were selected according to the parameters of the study and titled. All the domains used in the study i.e. questionnaire have vital importance in the Past, Present and the Future aspects of the operation. In the past no such study was conducted directly relation to this national issue. Some authors work on history of Lal-Masjid like as ISA, (Internal Security Association) and some tried to interlink this operation with increase terrorism in Pakistan. It will also highlight how militant organizations used the innocents' students after the operation.

## RESULTS & DISCUSSION

The results of survey regarding questionnaire has been shown in figure 1.

As per figure 1, final results of the study according to survey are 77.64% approximately 1/3<sup>rd</sup> respondents commented that Operation Silence cultivated the grounds of militancy in Pakistan but while 22.36 % commented against my statement or lack of knowledge. Local militant organizations with the collaboration of foreign organizations created unrest and emphasized on their followers for attacks on public and security officials. In these strikes, the international standard of the countries decreased much and some foreign countries took blame for the support of terrorism in the world.

### Religiously

Pakistan is an Islamic country and also "Nuclear Atomic Super Power" in all Muslim countries of the world. More than 96 % population belong to the Islamic religion and only 4 % other religions like as Christians, Hindu and Ahmadi etc. in Pakistan (Naimatullah Khan, Nazir Amin,

2017). According to statistics report 2015, 2.26 million students got admission in religious education. In which 79,289 religious teachers were providing educational facilities as teacher in these institutions in across the country.<sup>ii</sup> Most of them are running under the finance assistance from Middle Eastern countries and some of them run by the regional donations from the local people. This operation is turning point in spreading of militancy. The militant organizations which were working under TTP and AQ and other wings supported students of Lal-Masjid for militant activities. They used their supporters for the terrorist/militants attacks under the reference of religion Islam. On the other hand, Islam is top listed religion in the world which is spreading rapidly than other religions. But unfortunately, some namely Mullahs not only destroyed the real image of Islam but also make a big hindrance in creating good relations with others neighbor countries like as Iran and Afghanistan.

On July 21, 2007 Abdul Khaliq Haqqani, the Taliban commander threatened that their supporters will take revenge the innocent students which martyred in Lal-Masjid (Iram Khalid, M Iqbal Roy, 2016). He used their students and followers under the shadow of Jihad and ensured them that they are Mujahadeen-i-Islam and fighting against non-Muslim supporters. He was also running many religious institutions/Madrassa in tribal area FATA. Mullah Fazalullah, another supporter of militancy in Pakistan, openly announced his followers and students of their Madrassa in Imam Dehari for attacks on military forces and other crowd places. After that, militants started guerrilla warfare and suicide attacks against military forces.

### Economically

After this operation, the economy of the country much decreased in all public and private sectors. International import increased and export decreased in goods after this operation as per table 1. As resulted, the market value of national currency decreased against dollars. As per State Bank of Pakistan (SBOP) report, from 2002-20016, government has expended 118.3 billion dollars from the extremist violence directly and indirectly. A detail of loss has been shown as per table 2, that 2009 which was the worst year for the loss of the country. Pakistan military forces started many operations in Swat and South Waziristan Agency. During operation, huge population migrated to other cities. The militants also destroyed the government & private buildings like, Schools, Hospitals, Police Stations and Video Shops in PATA and FATA. The results show that loss decreased after operation Zarb-e-Azb.

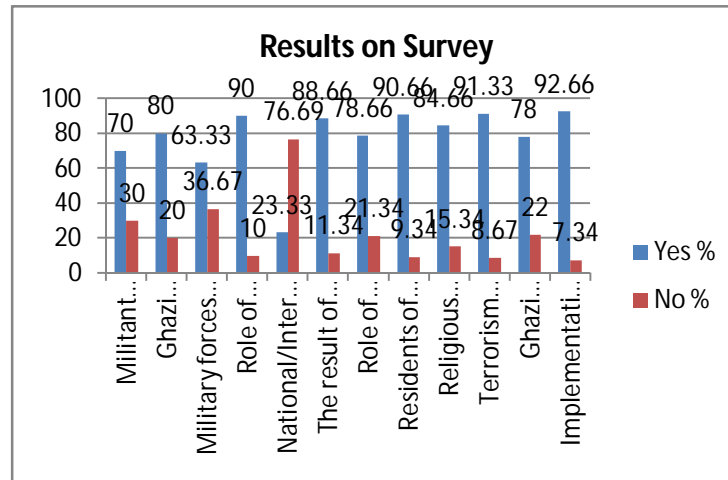


Figure 1.

Table 1. Loss from 2007-2014

Year	Export Billion USD	Imports Billion USD	Difference Billion USD
2003	11.9	13	-1.1
2004	12.6	15.4	-2.8
2005	16.1	25.1	-9
2006	16.9	29.8	-12.9
2007	17.8	32.6	-14.8
2008	20.3	42.3	-22
2009	17.6	31.6	-14
2010	21.4	37.5	-16.1
2011	25.3	46.6	-21.3
2012	24.6	43.8	-19.2
2013	25.1	43.8	-18.7
2014	24.7	47.5	-22.8
2015	21.1	44	-22.9
2016	20.5	47	-26.5
2017	21.9	57.4	-35.5

### Politically

After this operation, politically instability increased. Religious political parties protested against this operation. These political parties like as Muthida Majlas-e-Amal (MMA), Jammat-e-Islami, Jammiat ulema Islam Fazal-ur-Reham and Sami-ul-Haq and other party leaders condemned this act. Some of them think that this operation was pre-planned of Musharraf. Some other political leaders like as Aftab Ahmed Sher Pao, Shujat

Hussanin and Abdul Ghafoor Haidri etc. emphasized on both brothers for peace solution. Ghazi demanded implementation of Niazam-e-Shariah across country. Some of these political parties tried to enter in Lal-Masjid for direct dialogue with Ghazi, but security forces denied for their entry after 01:00 A.M on July 09, 2007 and continued operation. Surely, their demand was excellent but the way they chosen not correct. As resulted, Pakistan Muslim League, Quaid (PML-Q) lost in election 2008 from Pakistan People's Party (PPP) due to this

**Table: 2**

Sr	Year	Loss in Billion Dollars
1	2007	9.18
2	2008	13.5
3	2009	23.77
4	2010	11.98
5	2011	9.97
6	2012	7.70
7	2013	9.24
8	2014	5.5
G. Total		90.84

cruel action. They said that a Masjid is holy place for all Muslims. The government did not honor this religious place. Most of the population took blame on Musharraf for the assassination of Benazir Bhutto. The people used their vote against the PML-Q.

### **Educationally**

The militant organizations destroyed the ethical values of the students in across the country. They manipulated the students of Lal-Masjid against innocent people and security forces. They burnt number of educational institutions such as schools and college in PATA and FATA. Mullah Fazalullah with the collaboration of local native of PATA took ban on female for modern education in 2008. He announced sentence for non-compliance. After his cruel order, more than 900 schools closed in which 120,000 students affected and 8000 female teachers also stopped to attend their duties in Swat (James Rose and et al, 2017).<sup>iii</sup> This thing created bad effects on education system in Malakand division. Some families were migrated to NWFP and Punjab in seeking of modern education for their children.

### **Perspective of Islam about militancy**

The Quran gives point by point rules and directions with respect to the lead of war: who is to battle and who is exempted (48:17, 9:91), when dangers must stop (2:192), how detainees ought to be dealt with. From the soonest times, it was illegal to kill non-combatants and in addition ladies and kids and priests and rabbis, who were given the guarantee of insusceptibility except if they had participated in the battling.<sup>iv</sup> The Quran states that there is no impulse in religion" (2:256) yet rather to spread its

upright request with the goal that numbness and unbelief could be supplanted by only social orders all through the world. The Quranic importance of jihad alludes to the commitment occupant on all Muslims to battle or apply (jihad) oneself, to take after and understand God's will: to have an ethical existence, to battle shamefulness and mistreatment, change and make an equitable society and, if vital, participate in outfitted battle to protect one's locale and religion. Quranic sections alluding to jihad as equipped battle fall into two general classes: guarded, those that accentuate battling against hostility, and hostile or expansionist, a broader charge to battle against all unbelievers and spread the message and open request of Islam. Muslims all through the ages have talked about, discussed and differ about the importance of jihad, its guarded and expansionist, authentic and ill-conceived frames ([8]; [9], p. 119). The Quran does not charge or support ill-conceived brutality and psychological warfare. Religious researchers dissolved before Meccan Quranic verses for the more activist verses uncovered in Medina and after that rulers utilized these verses in Islamic law to honest to goodness their military jihads of success and magnificent extension for the sake of guarding and spreading Islam. Be that as it may, suicide shelling turned into an across the board strategy, utilized by Sunni and Shii civilian armies, in partisan clashes over power.<sup>v</sup>

### **CONCLUSION**

Ghazi brothers belonged to Ahl-e-Hadith school of thought, but they had closed links with Deobandi and Wahhabi militant organizations in across the country. Militant organizations provided them financial support for running this seminary. They demanded revolts against democratic system and implementation of Islamic

Shariah Law in Pakistan like as Saudi Arabia and other Middle East countries. Ghazi brothers used their students for this act under the influence of local militant organizations. In this operation, numbers of female students of Jamia Hafsa were kidnapped from unknown people and government institutions failed to search them after many years. Most of the students belonged to NWFP and Tribal areas of FATA. These students were used by al-Qaeda, Tahrik-e-Taliban Pakistan and other organizations for spreading militancy. The militants also trained them at their training camps in FATA and other areas of Pakistan. The militants destroyed the tourism places, bomb blasts in markets, attacks on foreign Embassies, suicide attacks in crowded places and security forces. The government has lost billion dollars after this operation silence. A large number of people were killed and several injured in these brutal attacks. Military forces killed top leaders of militants and their supporters in military operation. They also destroyed their safe heaven places and training camps in Miran Shan, South Waziristan Agency, and Wanna etc. Capital Development Authority also re-built the destroyed areas of Lal-Masjid under the orders of Supreme Court of Pakistan. Students are getting education again in both institution Jamia Hafsa and Jamia Faradia. The government also took supervision of Lal-Masjid seminary and their students. The government has restricted the students' involvement in militancy and their activities. Militancy has been decreased and restored the writ of the State. International community supported the action of Musharraf but the people of Pakistan and other institution like as Bar Councils, religious institutions condemned this act. Some of them said that the operation was pre-planned from the government. Militancy and terrorism increased because this decision of Musharraf "Operation Silence in Islamabad".

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### *Madrassa Reforms*

Madrassa reforms should be formulated under the government authority. The government should introduce a modern educational syllabus according to the teachings of Islam along with modern education. The Syllabus of the Lal-Masjid should also be formulated with the cooperation of government experts and Lal-Masjid seminaries. The government should check the student activities and ban the entrance of the militant organizations leaders. The seminary leaders can be played a model role to preach their students regarding peace in Pakistan. They should support the acts of the government and reject the demands of foreign countries. In the education sector, religious as well as modern education should go side by side and must have own

credentials in the curriculum development.

### **Job Opportunity**

The government must ensure the equal job opportunities for the Madrassa students and other modern educational students. Religious students should be provided equal job opportunities across the country. Higher Education Commission of Pakistan should sanction grant for Madrassa students for higher education and research work like as other modern institutions.

### **Ban on Political activities in Institutions**

The student should be banned from political activities in both Institutions (Modern and Religious). The government should implement reforms for the intuitions and discourage political activities. They must use these Madrassa for the production of good religious scholars in Pakistan.

### **Strict ban on militancy in Madrassa**

The government should strictly ban militancy and syllabus which creates hurdles in State affairs. Student activities should be monitor and strictly punished for the involvement of such type of activities according to constitution of Pakistan which would be harmful to them and society.

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## Annexure

**OPERATION SILENCE CULTIVATED THE GROUNDS OF MILITANCY IN PAKISTAN**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Age: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

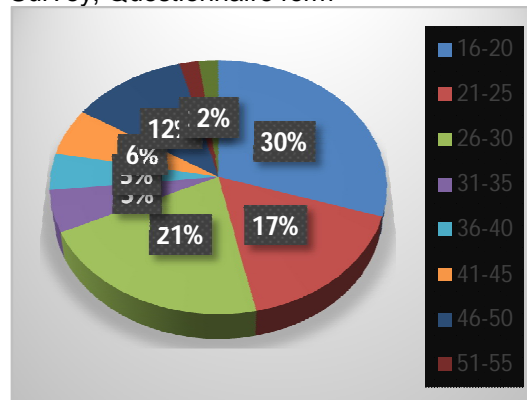
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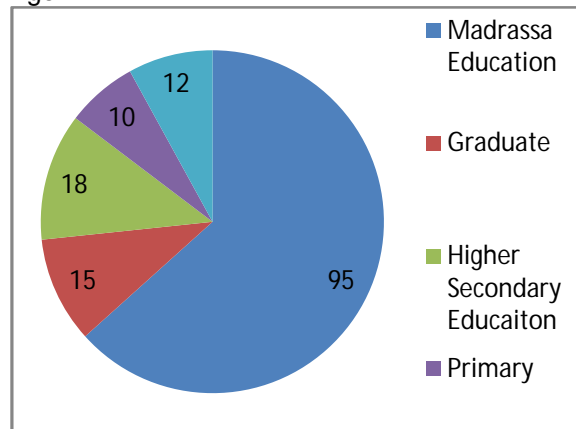
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Sr. #	Question	Yes	No
1	Did Militant Organizations played role for spreading militancy in Pakistan after Operation Silence?		
2	Did Ghazi brothers manipulate the students for interference of State issues before operation?		
3	Did military forces take good action against Lal-Masjid seminary?		
4	Did International Community support the government for the military action against the seminary of Lal-Masjid?		
5	Did National/International Media played good role during Operation Silence?		
6	Did the results of operation silence affect in election 2008?		
7	Was the role of Political Party workers good during Operation Silence?		
8	Did the members of civil society become happy from this operation?		
9	Did religious organizations support seminary of Lal-Masjid after Operation?		
10	Did militancy/terrorism increase after military action?		
11	Had Ghazi brothers' links with International militant organizations like as Al-Qaida and Tahrir-i-Taliban?		
12	Was the demand of Implementation of Nizam-e-Shariah in Pakistan a real cause of Operation Silence?		

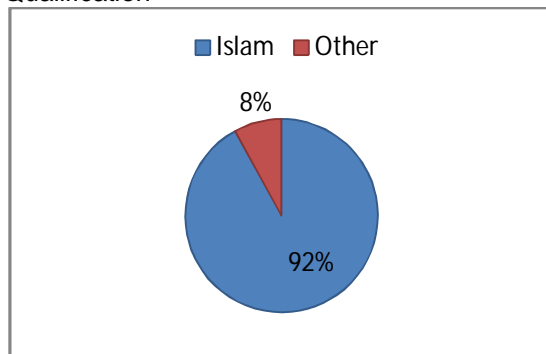
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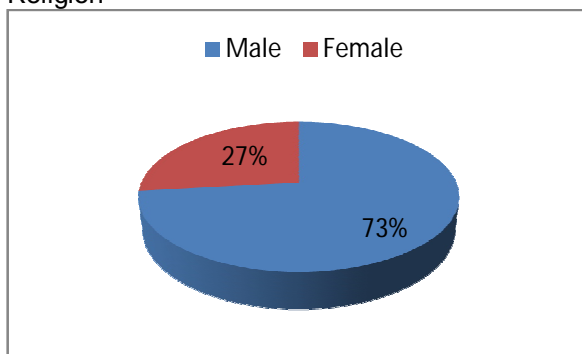
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