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Mr. Zahid Malik

Founder: Pakistan Observer | Nazriya Pakistan Council | 101 Friends of China

Mr. Sirajuddin Aziz MOTIONS are endless The more, we express, the more, we like to recount. Since emotions blossom our hearts, there is no room for autumns to exist within us, and no blazing wind can wither that blossom, or the spring of beauteous memories. As Pascal said, the heart has its reasons, which reason, does not know. An impression made on the heart, is most lovely for the eye to see. I am, filled with grief, to write this memoriam about the person, who Iheld so close to my heart. To write a in thute, without getting emotional is an angel's job, no recount. Since emotions emotional is an angel's job; no emotional is an angel's job; no human can evyunge, feelings and emotions, while doing so. It is only with emotion, sentiment and with great burden upon the soul, that one can write a tribute, for Mr. Zahid Malik, the enstwhile Editor-in-Chief of the daily Pakistan Observer. (I can never use the prefix of Flate or former, to his name and position, respectively name and position, respectively— it is just not possible!). Simple. No reason. No logic. Just emotional attachment.

It was either in 2002 or 2003. memory fails me, that I sent a memory tails me, that is entropy tails me, that is entropy to a bullet addressed to Zahid Malik Sahib. Prior to publish it, he called me to complime the contents. I was over the moon, to receive a seal of acknowledgement from an eminent journalist, like him.

That was the beginning of my relationship with him and that will not end with his departure from this temporal world. My faith assures me that we shall meet. His words of encouragement

His words of encouragement prompted me to suggest that prompted me to suggest that Pakistan Observer (PO) should publish, on every single day during the Holy month of Ramazan, an article on any aspect of Islam. Zahid Sahib, said, "Let's do it—but will you contribute for each single day?" He posed me a question! I said, "Will you please give me a space on the OB-ed page?" He He posed me a question! I said, "Will you please give me a space on the OP-ed page? He responded like a true solider of Islam, "My newspaper in its entirety is at the disposal of all those who wish to portray, our noblest religion in its truest form". He then asked me to name the title and design of the column – which was done as "The Spirit of Islam" and Faisal Mosque became the insignia of articles on religion throughout Mosque became the insignia of articles on religion throughout and it still continues to be used, in Pakistan Observer's Friday issues. Interestingly, he instructed me, that there is no word-count limitation on your articles. So by Divine Grace, for three consecutive years, PO carried each Ramazan, all articles of mine on some aspects of our religion — Islam. His love for Islam and the Ummah always exceeded commercial vavs exceeded commercial considerations. In later years, Zahid Malik In later years, Zahld Malik Sahib encouraged me to write upon the positive role of our armed forces in the struggle against extremist thought. I wrote a couple of semi-political articles, which he very prominently carried on the front page.

Mr. Zahid Malik's powerful pen

was never up for sale and consequently his 'Conscience'

'An Unfinished Tribute'

was not, too. He very closely held and guarded the highest traditions of journalistic standards. He never

standards. He never compromised. Zahid Sahib was both a die-hard believer in the concept of Islamic brotherhood and of the view that it was for Pakistan to play a catalyst role, towards its pursuit. For this purpose, he had set-up the Nazriya Pakistan Council (NPC) which held several meetings, conferences, symposiums and dialogues under its aegis, to promote the cause. I invited and requested him to

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I invited and requested him to be a panelist speaker on the launch of my book, "The Essence of Islam". He readily agreed. On the occasion, amongst many aspects that he spoke on, he had remarked: "Today we curse our children and blame them for getting spoiled. We say our children are sporting gelled hair, they are wearing faded jeans, they are glued to their mobiles or laptops they are addicted to Bollywood or Hollywood movies. But the question is, do we, the parents; have some time for our children? Do we interact with them? Do we play with them? Do we make them sit on our laps and recite the Holy Quran? Alas, the answer is big NO. Then why to curse our children? Why to accuse the younger generation? To illustrate my point, may I say, and I am sure those who have interest in gardening will appreciate my point. If you wish to grow good, healthy shining plants and want to see beautiful fresh flowers in your garden, howsoever small or big your garden may be, then your garden, howsoever small or big your garden may be, then

work. You can't just leave your garden to a mali (gardner) ". He further said, "My second He further said, "My second recommendation is to please go deep into the study of the life of the Holy Prophet, Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH)." Inviting the attention of the audience, Zahid Malik Sahib said, "If you take and combine together four documents which are spread over just 10-12 pages in all i.e. Mecsaq-i-Madinah, Sullab Hudship, Orders and SullahHudabiya, Orders and

Prophet (PBUH) is rightly respected, even by the West, as the greatest man in all respects in the history of mankind. in the history of mankind.

Lastly, it is my recommendation
and it is my last and third
recommendation, help deepen
the faith of the people in the
bright future of Pakistan. In this
state of Quaid-i-Azam,
Mohammad Ali Jinnah, I
consider Pakistan as an
extension of the State of extension of the State of Madinah. I believe and I have

Over the past few years, he became intensely involved in the promotion of Islamic Banking. Towards this end, he Banking. Towards this end, he organized two major round table conferences in Karachi and Islamabad that were presided over by Governor Sindh and the President of Pakistan, respectively. Despite being a novice, he instructed me to be the moderator at both events. The conferences were a transaction success.

himself; to the enemy of God, an enemy; to the friend of God, a friend...". Zahid Sahib was a God-fearing, noble and virtuous soul. Nobody could dare and ventur to say in his presence a sigh word of negativism about our beloved, Pakistan. He was a beloved, Pakistan. He was a passionate Pakistani. For him, it was always "Phele Pakistani" (Pakistan First) and no value of commercial consideration could take him away from that lofty position, he always stood upon – journalistic integrity and professionalism. A rarity, today! He founded the Nazriya Pakistan Council to promote and forge harmony and togetherness in society and to carry forward the ideals of Mr. Mohammad Ali Jinnah; our great founder society and to carry forward the ideals of Mr. Mohammad Ali Jinnah; our great founder and Father of the Nation. Only a few months back, sitting in my office in Karachi, he explained to me, about how the dreaded disease affliction was discovered. He said, I was fine and on a particular day was attending the burial rites of someone at Zuhr time, when Mr. Raja Zafar-ul-Haq, walked up to him and said "...... in this scorching sun, why is your face so white? That prompted a visit to the doctor... then followed medical tests after tests, and finally as he put it, an insensitive and callous doctor broke the news, in the presence of his better-half. The doctor may have been professional, but the empathy was lacking, I recommended that he should try the traditional Chinese medicines for cure. He researched. The Chinese Ambassador responded with

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Ambassador responded with his grace and Malik Sahib,

stood convinced and headed to

Beijing. Even while under treatment he was seen working for Pakistan. He used to meet several dignitaries who visited him, while he was

I spoke to him a couple of Is spoke to limit a couple of times and he seemed zestful, energetic and positive. While being overseas, I learnt from his office, that the Angel of Death had sought to befriend him. Death is not feared by those who have lived wisely, said Gautama Buddha. Mr. Zahid Malik's persona was very fatherly. He treated me no differently than his offsprings, Faisal, Gauhar, Omer and his daughter have a great responsibility upon their shoulders now, to carry forward with impetus, their illustrious Father's legacy and they ought to continue and unbuld the highest. nes and he seemed zestful. illustrious Father's legacy and they ought to continue and uphold the highest ethical standards of journalism that Zahid Sahib voluntarily imposed upon himself and upon the newspaper's editorial policy. Memories are sweet to remember. 'A man's real possession is his memory. In nothing else, is he poor'. And I am rich, for my memories of Zahid Sahib that will last with me. To all, who knew Mr. Zahid Malik, I would like to remind and quote the Persian saying; "The best memory is that which forgets nothing but injuries. Write kindness in marble and write injuries in dust". No Himalayan avalanches of

No Himalayan avalanches of No Himalayan avalanches of words or a Niagara of sentences can do justice to the memory of Mr. Zahid Malik..... hence this is an 'Unfinished Tribute'.



Directives of the Prophet (PBUH) when the Muslims conquered Makkah and KhutbaHajia-tu-Wida, the last semon of the Prophet (PBUH) and read carefully, try to understand the wisdom, Hikmat of Nabi's (PBUH) directives

reasons to believe that the establishment of Pakistan was a divine arrangement. It had a divine backing. It is my conviction that to serve Pakistan is to serve Islam. Don't underestimate Pakist Know and have faith in the

Consequent to that, he launched a 'Friday edition' on Islamic Banking, which continues, till today. The Suff Saint, Jalaluddin Rumi in his Mathnawi, "Fear of Yourself" (2357-2358) says, "Everyone's death is of the same quality as



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With National leaders









































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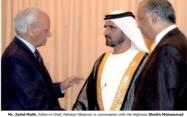
























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Zahid Malik, NPC and Muslim World



PC (Nazriya Pakistan Council) Trust Islamabad project conceived and realized by Late Mr Zahid Malik contemplates to deal with a multipoint agenda in its fold. Pakistaniat, history, culture, heritage, international relations human rights, interfaith human rights, interfaith harmony and nation building are the core subjects of its programmes and activities. Its strategy can be defined as promotion of ideology, cultivating national cohesion and harmony. Reaching out to youth and acknowledging services rendered by men and women fetching laurels for home land and honouring national heroes honouring national heroes like Dr AQ Khan are part of its mandate. Highlighting plight of oppressed people of the world specially the Muslims and raising voice for drawing attention of for drawing attention of world community to it is another one. NPC agenda is not static and new items are entered into it as the epoch and changing time

and changing time demand. In 2014, NPC started a plan to establish an International Secrat

Centre, foundation stone for which was laid by the then President of Pakistan Mr Zahid was a visionary person who was blessed with a very broad horizon about happenings in the country, in the region and the world at large He had prioritized issues which prioritized issues which should be taken up by NPC keeping in view the best interests of Pakistan. For example he considered question of interfaith harmony as important and devoted a lot of attention to it. In lot of attention to it. In 2015, he convened a national conference on the subject at Islamabad under auspices of NPC which was chaired by the President of Pakistan. He poured his heart out in the address to the audience consisting of eminent consisting of eminent Ulema belonging to different religious schools of thought including minorities, heads of religious political parties and TV anchors etc Just to describe his sincerity to to describe his sincerity to the cause, proceedings are recalled and shared here in that, made an emotional appeal to them to shun hate mongering and instead work for fostering tolerance and understanding in the society. The message was very well received and left a lasting impression

from all parts of the country.
Second topic which engaged his attention on perpetually is the suffering of people of India-occupied Jammu and Kashmir. NPC would hold multi-party conference on Kashmir conference on Kashmir day held on 5th Feb every year to take note of evolving situation which was getting worse day by day and to express support for Kashmiris in their struggle for freedom and to remind freedom and to remind United Nations to act for implementation of its Resolutions. Political leaders from Pakistan and Kashmir and specialists would attend in large numbers. Hurriyat leadership from Srinagar would join on line. Mr. Zahid Malik felt anguish about indifference anguish about indifference of world towards Palestine. As part of policy, Palestine and plight of its people continue to be a matter of continue to be a matter of serious concern to people of Pakistan. Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah opposed the creation of Israel and exhorted the world power to refrain from Zionist agenda uprooting of Palestinian population from their lands. NPC continues to show continues to show

conference in Aiwan-i-Quaid Islamabad to condemn action of Myanmar Army Generals for oppressing and killing of Rohingya Muslims and appealed to the United Nation to save them from genocide

genocide These are a few examp

happenings around the world specially where Muslims were being

but under Mr Zahid Malik NPC was watchful of

unduly targeted, discriminated upon and deprived of their rights .It would not be an exaggeration to surmise

prisoners surrounded by concrete walls and devoid of freedom of movement and human rights. Al-Quds Day is observed and moots are held whenever new aggression is committed by the Zionist State. Another hotspot had developed in Myanmar where Rohingya Muslims were targeted and deprived of their rights as deprived of their rights as citizens. After bearing atrocities they have been forced to migrate to Bangladesh and live in makeshift camps. From London, I wrote about their miserable condition

decorated with the highest

national days and other historical happenings in their countries. When King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia passed away a reference was arranged by him to pay homage to the late Royal keeping in judy his keeping in view his contribution to the cause of Muslims. Ambassadors reciprocated as well. Quran Khwani is held on 11th September each year at Faisal Masjid on the death anniversary Quaid-i-Azam where a number of them 'would be in attendance. At other important events, NPC would extend invitations to embassies. Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Turkey, Palestine, Sri Lanka, China and others from Central Asian States etc were more frequent in Khwani is held on 11th etc were more frequent in presence. One would like to call Mr Zahid Malik an



countries recognized this and befriended him. He would share their joys and pains and join them on

through personal qualities cultivated goodwill for Pakistan and strengthened relations with prominent

the Muslim world. I guess he believed that problems faced by Muslims can be resolved by promoting Pan-Islamism and liked paying visits to countries in Pan-Islamism and liked paying visits to countries in Central Asia, Middle East and North Africa to reaffirm cordiality in ties'. Besides the domain of International Relations his interest in promoting nterest in promoting Islamic Finance cannot go unnoticed. A number of seminars/meetings were held at Karachi, Islamabad and other financial centers on his initiative. This speaks of his belief that Musum should embark upon an interest-free banking syster What has been narrated above notwithstanding of his belief that Musl What has been narrated above notwithstanding centre of his love was Pakistan and he was very mindful of its interest. Before concluding it is pointed out that China is a friend of Pakistan and Zahid Malik did everything in his Malik did everything in his capability to enhance and increase the scope of cooperation between the two countries. If measured emphasis on Pakistanemphasis on Pakistan-China relations, he placed, appears with highest score. NPC has to carry on his legacy. Global politics is in no better shape nor do the regional developments appear any promising. It is time for putting in more concerted efforts to pursue the unfinished agenda.

countries especially from

Zahid Malik: as I know him as a veteran author, journalist & a scholar

left a lasting impression on the participants hailing beleaguered Palestinians



S INCE four years Dr. Zahid Malik, Founder/Editor-in-

found him a vivid writer on public relations, not only that he authored dozens of books, scores of articles and delivered scholarly speeches at national and international levels depicting the voice of the repuls of the people. Although he remained

Holy Quran reflects his refined intellectual capabilities and love for Islam, Allah the Benevolent and promotion of the messag of our Last and Holy Prophet (SAW-PBUH). His efforts of publishing Holy Owng in Fergel. Holy Quran in French, Germany, U.K. and



H.E. Mr. Asif Ali Zardari, President of Pakistan conferring Sitara-i-Imtiaz on Mr. Zahid Malik, Editor-in-Chief,
Pakistan Observer at Alwan-e-Sadr. Islamahad on March 23, 2012

Chief of Pakistan Observer has passed away through the doors of extremely busy with his newspaper, yet it was his inherent desire to publish



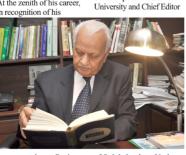
worldly existence to eternal existence, carrying away all our sweet memories with him. I met him for the first time in 1988, when he launched his prestigious launched his prestigious newspaper Pakistan Observer at a very simple yet an impressive ceremony. I joined his team as a regular contributor of health column till my retirement

"Mazameen-e-Quran & Hadith" in the form of a holy Quran in his life time. Al-hmado Lillah, Allah fulfilled his desire and he completed the Holy Quran well in time He presented me a copy of each and in turn I of each and in turn I advised my friends and relatives to buy the sacred publication of Holy Quran. In fact, this scholarly publication of

Arabic received an Arabic received an international ovation by religious scholars and exponents. He did plan to publish the Mazameen-e-Quran in Chinese, Spanish, Russian and Hindi languages, but time was not gracious enough to let him accomplish these projects. At the zenith of his career, nition of his

award of Sitara-e-Imtiaz by the Government of Pakistar many precious awards by the Writers Guild of Pakistan, Nazriya Pakistan Council and International Seerat Centre as its Chairman. Institute of Higher Education, Karachi Higher Education, Karacr conferred Ph.D., for his inalienable services at the national and international levels. He also played a significant role in strengthening the Pak-China ties and for this purpose he established a think-tank known as "101-Friends of China". For the best part of his life, he always stood helping the poor and deprived segment of the society.

I met him last on the fateful journey to China for the treatment of his health problem. Though he was problem. Though he was sick, yet he was looking very fresh and confident as I always found him in life. Zahid Malik passed away very peacefully on this very day in 2016, but his ideology will remain a guide and a will remain a guide and a trust to be followed by his family, friends and readers of Pakistan Observer, Her haiy tera - hayat zauq-i-sa: kay sawa aur kutch bhi naheen. May Allah bless his soul to rest in Paradise, Amin! (The writer is a retired Prof.



monumental contribution for promoting the ideology of Pakistan, he was

of Ophthalmology Update, a scientific medical Journal from Islamabad).

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Do they not ponder over the Quran or their hearts are locked? Surah Muhammad, Ayah 24."

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