

## The Dissection of a Wounded Body: The Expulsion of Refugees at the Eastern Frontiers of the Muslim Ummah

(Translated)

### News:

According to official reports from Islamabad, confirmed by reputable media outlets including *Dawn*, Pakistan has launched a new wave of pressure against Afghan refugees. The Ministry of Interior has issued a firm directive to all law enforcement agencies and provincial authorities, ordering them to begin, as of **10 July 2026**, the identification, detention, and deportation of all Afghan nationals who lack valid residency documents.

The directive, part of the “**Illegal Foreigners Repatriation Plan**,” requires security agencies to submit daily reports on arrests and deportations to the federal authorities. Alarming figures show that in **2025 alone**, Pakistan’s military and government expelled more than **1.1 million Afghan Muslims** from the country. International organizations have also warned of intensifying forced returns and the dire condition of families who have lived in Pakistan for decades, only to be driven toward the borders with little more than despair.

### Comment:

What is unfolding today along the Afghanistan–Pakistan frontier may appear, at first glance, to be an administrative or security issue between two neighboring states. In reality, however, it is far deeper and more painful: a ruthless dissection of the single body of the Muslim Ummah under the enduring legacy of colonialism.

The roots of this crisis lie in the legacy left by British colonialism through artificial borders such as the **Durand Line**—a malignant line that divided one Ummah and one creed into two nationalist identities. Today, instead of using its powerful army and nuclear arsenal to defend the sanctities of Muslims, Pakistan’s ruling establishment has turned them into instruments serving Washington’s regional strategy. The United States seeks to strengthen India as a regional gendarme to contain China; for that, Pakistan must be diverted from Kashmir and its eastern front. Thus, Pakistan’s military is being pushed to spend its energy confronting Muslim brothers along its western and tribal frontiers, while India proceeds with greater ease in suppressing Muslims within its own territory.

The betrayal of the region’s rulers becomes even more painful when compared with the major causes of the Ummah. While Gaza burns under a deadly siege and cries out for support, Pakistan’s military—which presents itself as a defender of Islam—remains silent before the genocide of the people of Palestine. Yet the same army, under plans dictated by the White House, expresses readiness to send forces to Gaza under American generals in the name of “securing peace”—a mission understood by critics as disarming the resistance and guaranteeing ‘Israel’s’ security.

This bitter paradox reflects the intellectual and moral collapse of rulers who know only the language of detention and deportation for Muslim refugees and religious brothers, while playing the role of peace brokers to satisfy the enemies.

On the other side of this crisis, Afghanistan's rulers have also fallen into the pit prepared for them by their adversaries. Instead of responding to these pressures through Islamic principles and the unity of the Ummah, they sometimes turn to mistaken nationalist remedies and appeals to the United Nations. Yet the UN and international institutions are the very structures that sanctified national borders and fragmented the Ummah into small pieces. Expecting justice from them is like seeking guidance from Satan. Countering Pakistani nationalism with Afghan nationalism merely adds fuel to a fire whose final beneficiaries will be the United States and India.

The refugee crisis, border wars, and imposed poverty in this region will not be cured by conventional diplomacy or international treaties. As long as the virus of the **nation-state** and colonial borders runs through these lands, this pain will continue. The fundamental solution is a return to the authentic Islamic identity and the dismantling of artificial walls erected by colonialism between brothers.

Only through the re-establishment of the **Khilafah Rashidah (rightly guided Caliphate) upon the method of the Prophethood** will the political geography of the region change, uniting Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Central Asia as one powerful political and military entity. Under such authority, no Muslim in the lands of Islam will be treated as a "foreigner" or an "illegal migrant." The immense energy of the Ummah will no longer be consumed in Muslim bloodshed at borders, but directed toward liberating occupied lands—from Palestine to Kashmir. This is the only path back to dignity and the only way to end the humiliation imposed by nationalist borders upon the wounded body of the Ummah.

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