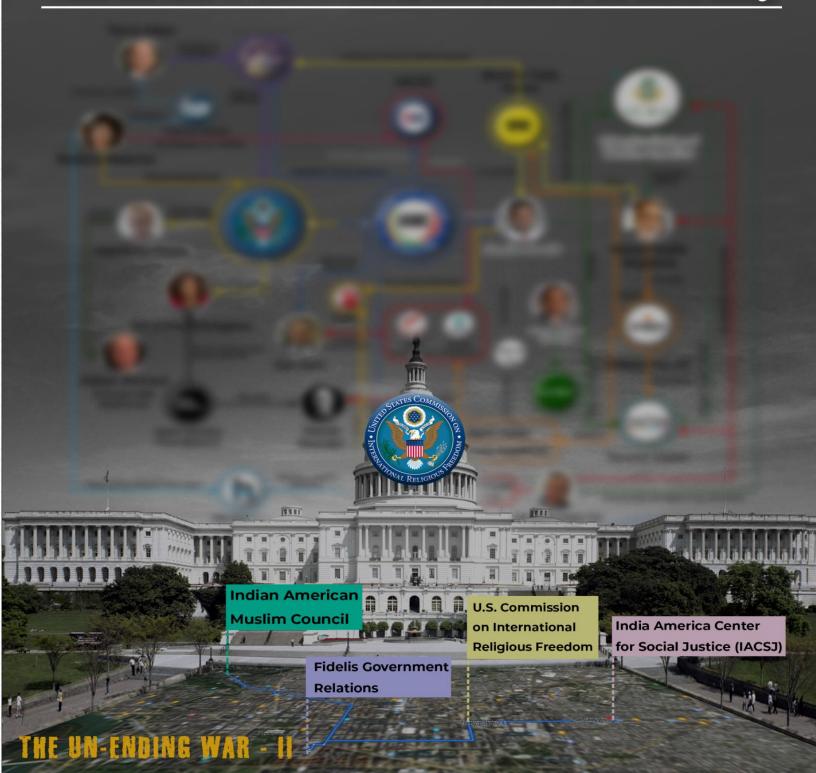
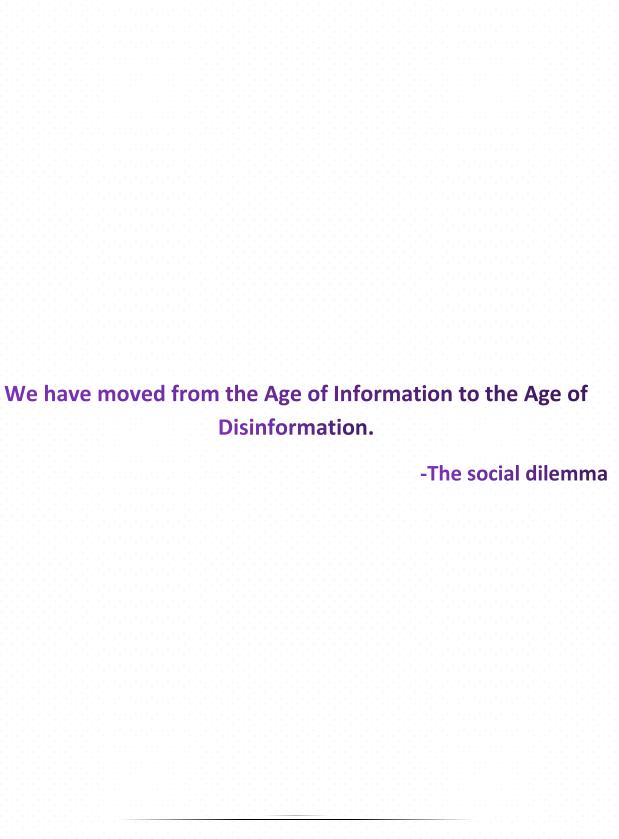


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How Jamaat-e-Islami Fronts Infiltrated a US Govt. Body





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Abbreviations:

USCIRF United States Commission on International Religious Freedom

IACSJ India America Center for Social Justice

IAMC Indian American Muslim Council

ICNA Islamic Circle of North America

Jel Jamaat-e-Islami

Let Lashkar-e-Taiba

HM Hizbul Mujahideen

FGR Fidelis Government Relations

DOTO Documentation Of The Oppressed

QF Quill Foundation

JFA Justice For All

BTF Burma Task Force

CPC Country of Particular Concern

OFMI Organization for Minorities of India

IRFA International Religious Freedom Act

SIMI Students' Islamic Movement of India

HHRD Helping Hand for Relief and Development

ImanNet Indian Minorities Alert Network

NCRB National Crime Records Bureau

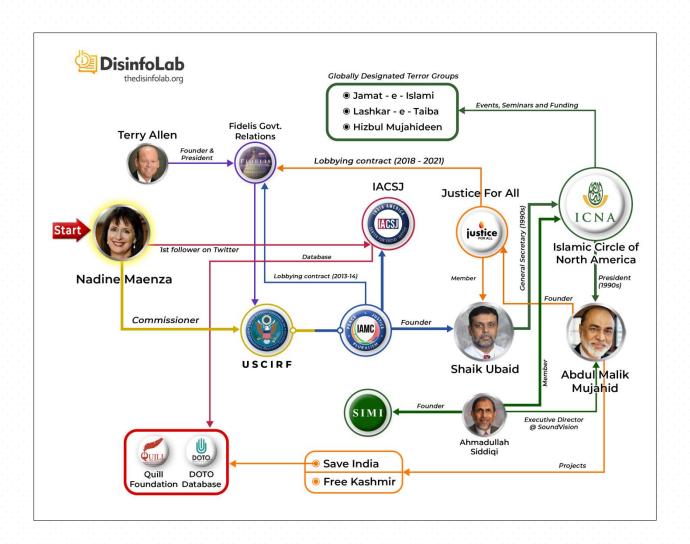
ADF Alliance Defending Freedom

UMM United Mass Media

SIO Student Islamic organization

RNS Religion News Services







PREFACE

- 1. As we have explained in our previous Report (Unending War -I), there has been a continuous and coordinated attack to target India's image globally. This target is two-pronged: On one hand, they have been trying to diminish the soft power India enjoys globally starting with the credo of non-violence of Mahatma Gandhi to Yoga and Chai; and on the other hand, trying to replace this with made-up narratives of 'Islamophobia' and 'Rising Fascism' in India. Depending upon the ruling party in India, the nature of the target changes, but never stops.
- 2. While uncovering the Bhinder-Pieter nexus, we came across some shreds of evidence that indicated a targeted Psy-war attack against India, which was much larger in scale than the first one and has been put in place for a longer time than the Bhinder-Pieter project. What we found was startling this nexus runs back from the US to Pakistan (and to Pak-based terror networks) and has managed to infiltrate and influence a US Government Organization USCIRF.
- 3. This infiltration has been carried out by US-based Islamist groups Indian American Muslim Council-IAMC & Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) and a plethora of fronts created in between. Important to note is that ICNA has strong links with Pakistani Jamaat-e-Islami and global terror groups Lashkar-e-Taiba & Hizbul Mujahideen.
- 4. The Nexus operates behind a labyrinth of Fronts, all with lofty names and loftier motives, but behind each of these fronts, there are the same set of people operating, and behind all this facade, the objective is one targeting India's image. These fronts ranging from Justice for All; Burma Task Force; to Save India has been created to provide a sense of grandeur and credibility. In addition, it helps to hide the identities of real people.
- 5. The front under the able guidance of Shaik Ubaid is IAMC. IAMC had managed to influence the USCIRF through Commissioner Nadine Maenza, with the help of US lobbying firm Fidelis Government Relations (FGR). This nexus has also been running a very effective module within India through the 'DOTO database' and 'Quill Foundation'. This is a fabricated database to hype the atrocities of minorities. The database is also the basis for proving Islamophobia and fascism in India.
- 6. This report is an attempt to decode this pattern and their network with whatever evidence we could gather from the public domain. It must be added that this could only be the tip of the iceberg and a more thorough investigation might reveal even deeper roots. As mentioned by one of the architects (ICNA), it is warfare against India "Trans-National Trans-Generational war is never-ending"!



INTRODUCTION

While decoding the Bhinder-Pieter nexus, we came upon a lofty-sounding organization being run from Washington DC viz. IACSJ (India America Center for Social Justice) which, as the name suggests, claims to work for social justice in India. This platform has mentioned three resources blogs from three US entities including two who have been exposed in our previous report, viz. Pieter Friedrich and Equality Labs. The third entity was CJ Werleman.

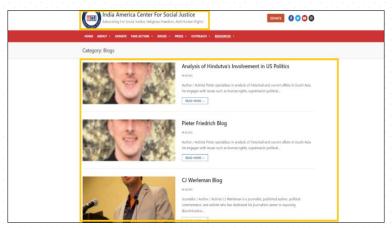


Fig 1. IACSJ Page showing the contributors

What picked our curiosity was that the very first follower on Twitter of this front was USCIRF Commissioner - Nadine Maenza and that the platform was registered on April 28, 2020 (Fig 3), the same day when the USCIRF's 2020 Report was published. This Report was significant as after several years USCIRF had designated India a Country of Particular Concern (CPC).

An obscure body, having fake "experts" and propagandists among its main resource persons is set up and had the very first endorsement from USCIRF Commissioner.

This was, to use PG Wodehouse, rather than rummy. It was worth digging, and dig we did.

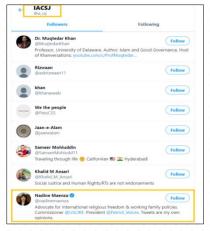


Fig 2. Followers of IACSJ-showing Nadine as its first follower

IACSJ: a New Organization with Old Habits

IACSJ is Washington DC-based non-partisan organization, a 501c4 organization with Tax-Id 85-1444234. Its office is at 712 H Street NE, Suite 1435, Washington, DC 20002 and it was formally launched on August 15, 2020. [1] The mission of IACSJ is "to safeguard the constitutional rights of India's minorities and marginalized communities".

However, despite such noble intentions, the website doesn't tell anything about the people behind it. The website doesn't tell us that it was set up by three Texas-based Indian-origin Muslims, including one Syed Ali who is vice-President of IAMC India America Muslim Council. (About IAMC, in a minute) The other co-founders of IACSJ are Ibrahim Ali & Umme Salma.



Fig 3. Website Registration details of IACSJ

Fig 4. Facebook Page of IACSJ

¹ https://opencorporates.com/companies/us tx/0803641011

The website of IACSJ was registered on 28 April 2020. The Twitter handle of the front (@IACSJ) was created in June 2020 and The Facebook page of the organization was borrowed from IAMC (whose vice-president is one of the founders). The FB page was set up as IAMC Dallas (Texas) on 15th March 2016 and changed into IACSJ in 2020.

Before converting into IACSJ, the FB page of IAMC was running paid advertisements. These ads were being run by Syed Ali. IAMC vice president against CAA- offering free transportation.

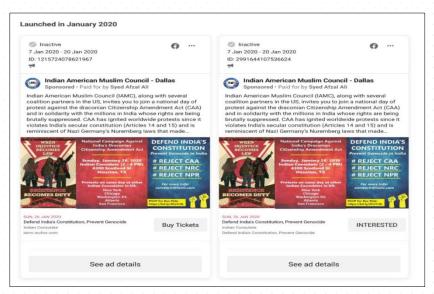


Fig 5. Details of Facebook Ad's Run by Syed Ali

IACSJ organization uses two sets of 'Database' as resource/ reference to guide it towards 'ensuring social justice in India' - viz DOTO Database and CJ Werleman's database. (This database gets examined in detail in Part III.)

In essence:

IACSJ is IAMC reincarnated.

It is not clear what was the motivation for this change, but in the recent past IAMC and its founder, Dr. Shaik Ubaid has been questioned a lot about their activities, and their linkages with radical Islamist and terror groups. So, it would seem wise to open a new front with a fresh look.

Accordingly, IAMC forms a new front IACSJ with its people (its Vice-President as head of IACSJ); and changed the FB of its Dallas Chapter to IACSJ. Its website is registered on the same day as of USCIRF 2020 report and whose first Twitter follower was USCIRF Commissioner. This USCIRF report for the first time in many years has dubbed India as Country of Particular Concern (CPC).



Fig 6. List of handles OFMI follows on Twitter [2]

The IAMC was founded by Dr. Shaik Ubaid, a US-based medical practitioner of Indian origin, who was earlier associated with the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA). The ICNA has strong links with Pakistan-based terror outfits and is the motherboard for IAMC.

The connection of USCIRF, IAMC, and ICNA goes far-far deeper than merely the front of IACSJ and is the main crux of this report.

But first, let's see USCIRF.

Déjà vu:

Those who have read our previous report would recall the front created by Bhajan Bhinder - Organization for Minorities of India (OFMI) - an organization for 'Indian cause' was set up with all US entities and not one Indian. IACSJ likewise boasts of three persons all US entities. Incidentally, OFMI's Twitter handle followed only two entities- IAMC and its founder Shaik Ubaid.

Now we know where their inspiration comes from.

(Un-ending War -I/ Page 78)

https://twitter.com/OFMlorg/following

Part I- The Organization

Chapter 1: USCIRF

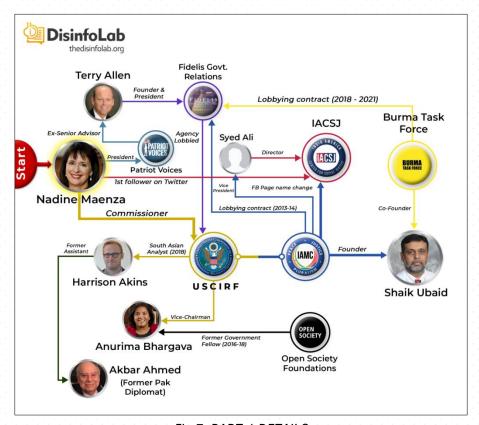


Fig 7: PART 1 DETAILS

USCIRF

As per its official version, USCIRF is an independent, bipartisan U.S. federal government commission created by the 1998 International Religious Freedom Act (IRFA) that monitors the universal right to freedom of religion or belief abroad. USCIRF makes policy recommendations to the President, the Secretary of State, and the US Congress. USCIRF Commissioners are appointed by the President and Congressional leaders of both political parties. Their work is supported by a professional, nonpartisan staff.

However, in practice, the organization has largely been peopled with practicing Christian Missionaries and has been looking at the issue of religious freedom not from the lens of a secular democratic institution but more from a Christian point of view. [3]

However, around 2013-14 this organization becomes the target of well-orchestrated influence operations from the Islamist influenced groups (IAMC/ICNA) to target India through USCIRF Reports. The short-term objective was not merely to dent India's secular credentials and diverse culture. The larger objective was to get India designated as CPC by the US government through the USCIRF.

What does Country of Particular Concern (CPC) mean for a Country?

USCIRF examines the status of religious freedom in various countries, and where it finds a serious violation, it designates the country as CPC. This is then recommended to the US Congress and US Government, who may or may not accept USCIRF Report.

In itself, the USCIRF designation doesn't matter unless US Congress/ State Department accepts it, but once they accept the recommendations, it has serious implications for the country's economy. It can invite crippling sanctions and affect FDI as well as other global investments in India, and that seems to be the primary motive of this lobbying effort - by people who are of Indian origin and 'concerned' for India.

India as CPC: Run up to USCIRF 2020 Report

The influence operation to target USCIRF started around 2013-14 with a well-funded lobbying effort by Indian American Muslim Council-IAMC and started paying quick dividends. In 2014 USCIRF Report changes India's map, therein removing J&K, Ladakh, and Arunachal Pradesh from India. The organization did not explain the changes.

³ https://www.sundayguardianlive.com/news/anti-hindu-uscirf-sex-crime-bigotry-name-religious-freedom

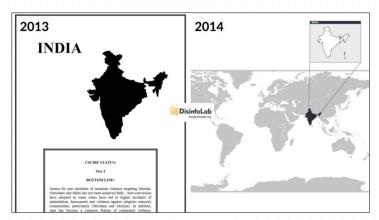


Fig 8: Ref: From 2013 Report & Ref: From 2014 Report J&K, Ladakh & Arunachal are removed.

By 2018 Harrison Akins joined as Policy Analyst, who has been a ward of a Pakistani diplomat of considerable influence.

By 2018, Nadine Maenza joins USCIRF who was associated with Terry Allen since 2012, in 2015 when Terry Allen was hired in Patriotic voices.

And within six-year, from changing India's map the organization came to designate India as CPC. (Interestingly, with the 2020 Report they decided to do away with the map altogether. This time again, they did not bother to explain why.)

It is worth noting that the USCIRF report had been rejected by India all along during various Governments and its representatives have not been allowed to visit India owing to its bias nature of report including in 2009 and 2016.

CHAPTER 2: The Rot Sets In

Of all the USCIRF functionalities associated with IAMC/ ICNA, that of Nadine Maenza deserves special mention. Maenza was appointed to USCIRF in 2018. Before that, she has been associated with US politician Rick Santorum since 2012, where she also managed his political campaigns.

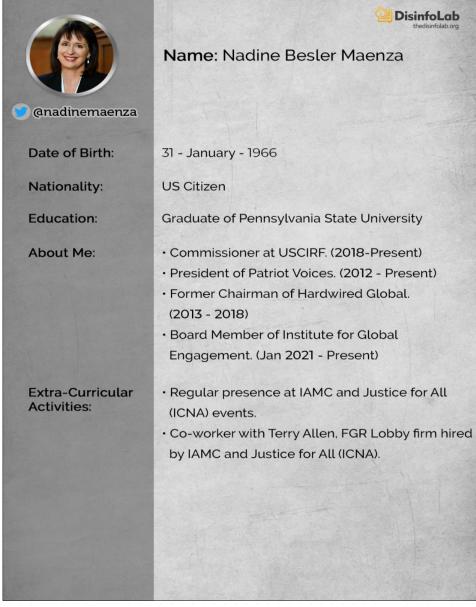


Fig 9. Curriculum Vitae of Nadine Maenza

Maenza is also President of an organization called 'Patriot Voices' founded by Rick Santorum in 2012. One of her colleagues at Patriot Voices as well is Terry Allen, who also happens to be a partner CEO in a lobbying firm called FGR.

Fidelis Government Relations (FGR)

FGR is a lobbying firm led by Terry Allen. It operates in partnership with Sextons Creek Consulting founder Bill Smith, who is the former Chief of Staff to Vice President Mike Pence.

The lobby firm FGR was hired by IAMC to lobby USCIRF to target India.

For their services, FGR was paid \$ 40K between 2013 and 2014 alone by IAMC. What suddenly prompted IAMC to hire a lobbying firm to influence USCIRF in 2014 remains unclear. [4] During 2015, Nadine Maenza was with Terry Allen in Patriot Voices as well under Rick Santorum. Meanwhile, in 2018, Nadine Maenza is appointed as USCIRF Commissioner.

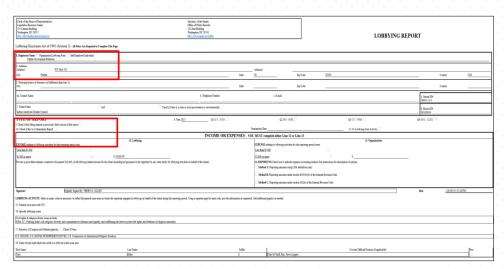


Fig 10. Lobbying Details are done by Terry Allen for USCIRF on behalf of IAMC

In the year, i.e., 2012, Shaik Ubaid founded another front (Burma Task Force -BTF) which again hires FGR, spending \$267K between 2018-2020. And to do what? To lobby, inter-alia, against India! This time the target of lobbying is US Congress among others - the same body that has to accept USCIRF Report for it to have an actual impact.

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⁴ https://projects.propublica.org/represent/lobbying/r/300940251

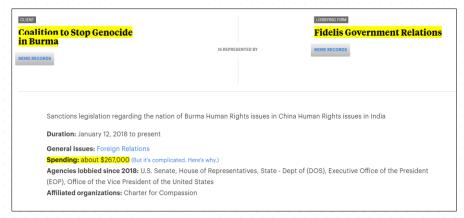


Fig 11 Lobbying details of Coalition to Stop Genocide in Burma by Fidelis

Eventually, the lobbying game became big enough that FGR had to outsource the work to another lobbying firm called - First Principal Strategies (FPS). For that, Fidelis pays \$145k to Joseph Murray, the founder of FSP, which claims to cover "from the halls of Congress, throughout the highest levels of federal agencies, and into the White House". Joe Murray had also served as White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadow's Deputy Chief of Staff. He also serves as Counsel for Sextons Creek Government Affairs, the firm in which coordination FGR of Terry Allen works. Terry Allen is also the strategic partner of FSP.

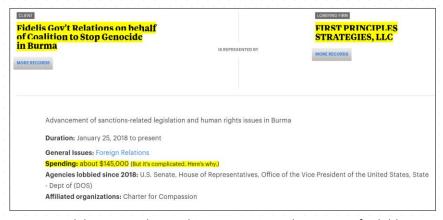


Fig 12 Fidelis Govt. Relations hires First Principal Strategies for lobbying

Burma Task Force

As noted in the chapter above, Burma Task Force (BTF) was founded by Shaik Ubaid. This front was earlier known as Burma Muslims on Facebook (between 2012-17) and subsequently changed to BTF in 2017.

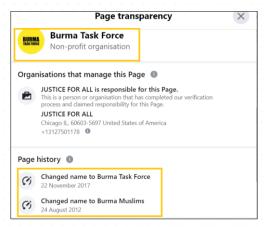


Fig 13. Burma Task Force name change record on Facebook

BTF is one of the several fronts under an umbrella organization called Justice for All (JFA) which is 'powered by' Chicago based company "Sound Vision" founded by Abdul Malik Mujahid in 1988.

Note: If you feel dizzy with a plethora of companies, don't blame yourself. These fronts were indeed designed with the same purpose - like an onion, one layered behind others so that no one can trace the actual players and also provide plausible deniability.

BTF was co-founded by Abdul Malik Mujahid and Shaik Ubaid ostensibly for the cause of Rohingyas who have suffered at the hands of Myanmar authorities. BTF has been collecting funds in the name of Rohingya Muslims through various means including via the Facebook advertisements. The donations are collected in the name of *Zakat* (Religious donation) and are targeted at the US Muslim population. It is not clear how much money is collected, but BTF has already spent more than \$ 31.7K on Facebook ads alone.

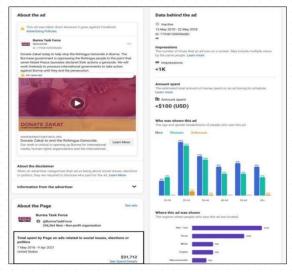


Fig 14. Facebook ad-campaign ran by BTF in 2018

And if the advertisement business is sustainable, BTF must be collecting a handsome amount. It should be enough that BTF is hiring lobbying firms with hundreds of thousands of dollars.

And is it helping Rohingyas in anyways?

Unlikely, as the huge money being collected is paid to lobbying firms to target India. So about \$ 31.7k was spent on ads to collect donations (Zakat) in the name of Burma Muslims, and from the collected money \$267,000 was paid to US Lobby firms to lobby against India on the human rights issues.

So much for the noble cause.

Chapter 3: The Rot goes Deeper

Apart from USCIRF Commissioner Nadine Maenza, several other important functionaries have been associated with IAMC, which includes USCIRF Vice Chair Anurima Bhargava (Member of Open Society Foundation) and USCIRF Political Analyst John Harrison Akins, who also happens to be the key person behind the USCIRF 2020 Report.

Maenza, Akins, and Bhargava have all been seen frequently on the platforms of IAMC and Justice for All (JFA – a front of ICNA). It may not be a coincidence that these are the same organizations that hire professional lobby firms to influence USCIRF against India.



Fig 15. Presence of Nadine, Anurima & Harrison on IAMC & JFA Platform

The 2020 report was spearheaded by Dr. Harrison Akins who was mentioned as 'Senior Policy Analyst for South Asia'. Akins was Ibn Khaldun Chair - Research Fellow at American University's School of International Services, where his mentor was Akbar Ahmad. His social media profiles show his various interactions with several Pakistani officials/ Diplomats. Nonetheless, his equation with Akbar Ahmad needs a particular mention.

Akbar Ahmad is a former Pakistani High Commissioner to UK and Chair of the Ibn Khaldun Islamic Studies at American University, Washington. Akbar Ahmad got his education from Pakistan and UK and had served in rather critical places. He served in Pakistan as Civil Servant for a substantial

time, including in some of the most restive areas of Pakistan. In the year 1971, during the war and genocide in East Pakistan, he was posted in Dhaka as a Deputy Secretary in the Pakistani Mission. He, later on, went to become Pak High Commissioner to the UK. For an ordinary civil servant, it was quite a remarkable trajectory. He has also written several books varying from Islam, Terrorism, to Economy and had written and directed umpteen number films and documentaries. That he has an oversized influence on Akins is an understatement. This is also evident from the eulogies they have written about each other.



Fig 16. Harrison Akins with Pakistani officials and promoting their works

As expected, Akins has also been a regular figure at IAMC events including "US government Should Sanction Indian Leaders" on 15th February 2020; an event before USCIRF 2020 report is published. Earlier, Akins had visited India under the University's Summer Program on scholarship in the year 2016. ^[5] It is the same year when the USCIRF visit was denied by the Indian government. Four years later, Akins joins USCIRF and writes a report on India where India was dubbed as CPC.

Akins has now left USCIRF for greener pastures in the US Civil Services.

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⁵ https://clscholarship.org/alumni/profiles/harrison-akins

Timeline of Nadine & Terry Allen

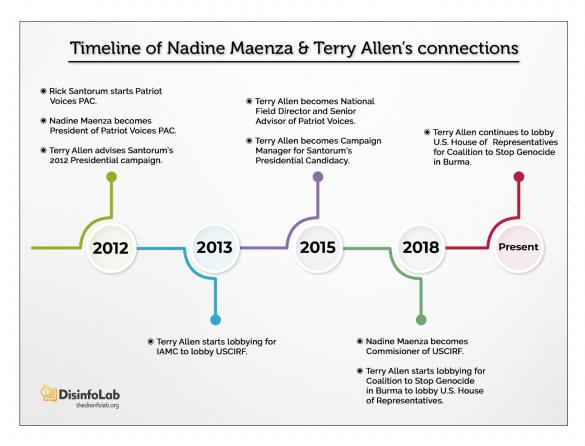


Fig 17. Timeline of Nadine & Terry

Part II: The Onion

Chapter 4: Justice for All: A free for all umbrella to cover tracks

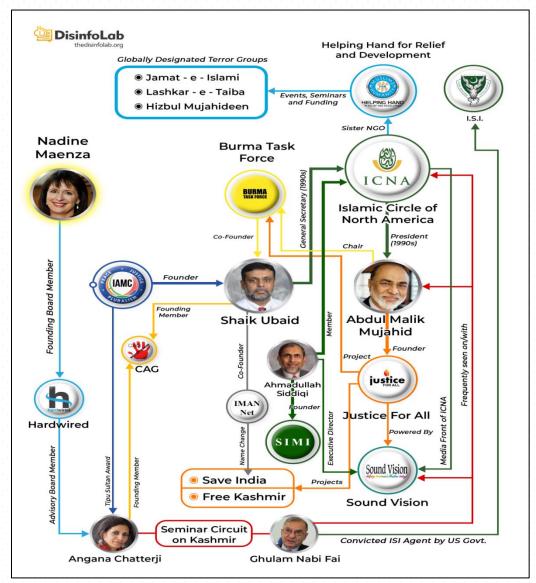


Fig 18: PART II DETAILS

BTF operates under an umbrella organization viz. 'Justice for All'. This Umbrella espouses several noble causes apart from Burma Task Force, such as 'Sri Lanka Task Force'; 'Faith Coalition'; 'Save India', 'Free Kashmir'; 'Save Uyghurs', etc. Probably no other organization, other than UN bodies, can claim to work for such major tasks globally.

Justice for All was founded by Abdul Mujahid, who is also the founder of Chicago-based company Sound Vision. It is not clear what is the source of funding for JFA and how it manages to work for such diverse causes globally and how many people it employs for the task, but it says that is 'powered by' Sound Vision, which in its turn was founded by Islamic Circle of North America - ICNA. [6] The official website of ICNA also mentions forming Sound Vision in the year 1988. [7]



Fig 19 Sound Vision founded by ICNA as mentioned on their website *Website is clean in today's date

Fun Fact: JFA and Sound Vision founder Mujahid has penned a book on the issue of caste in India "Conversion to Islam - Untouchables Strategy for Protest in India" (1989)- the solution for Dalits is to convert into Islam.

https://web.archive.org/web/20000229184326/http://www.soundvision.com/misc/introductiontosv.shtml

⁷ https://www.icna.org/about-icna/our-history/

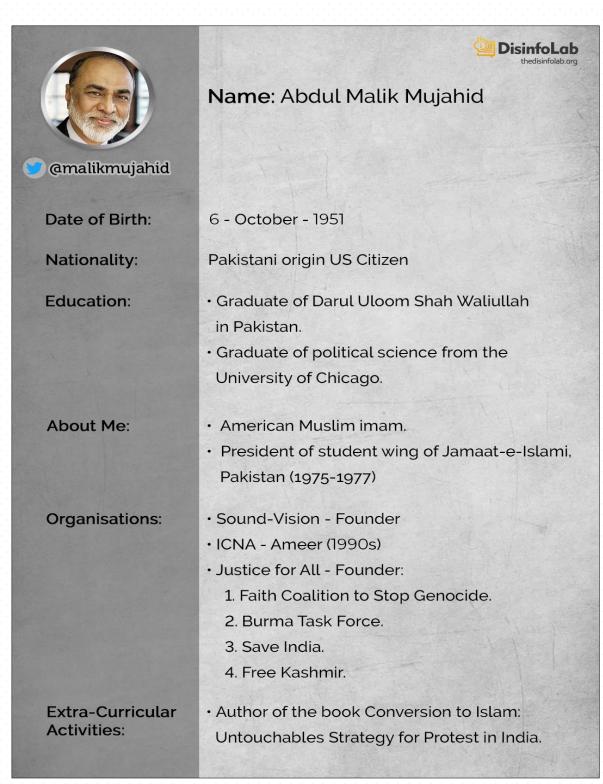


Fig 20 CV Of Abdul Malik Mujahid

Sound Vision and SIMI connection

SIMI was founded in India in 1977 by Mohammad Ahmadullah Siddiqi. In 2001 SIMI was banned in India for its terrorist links, and later SIMI itself was declared a terrorist organization. Ahmadullah Siddiqi is now serving as the Executive Director of Sound Vision. [8]



Fig 21 Sound Vision Website Link

⁸ https://www.soundvision.com/article/essentials-of-an-effective-press-release

Chapter-5: JFA, IAMC, ICNA, and other Alphabets

What we have learned so far:

- IACSJ is reincarnated from IAMC, which was founded by Shaik Ubaid.
- Burma Task Force (BTF) is also reincarnated from Burma Muslims, co-founded by Shaik Ubaid and Abdul Mujahid.
- BTF works under an Umbrella Justice for All (JFA) which was founded by Abdul Mujahid.
- JFA in turn is 'powered by' Sound Vision which was also founded by Abdul Mujahid.
- Sound Vision in turn was founded by the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA)

These multiple fronts have been created with several objectives. The part seems to be designed to mask the real actors, which is also evident from the fact that traces of their linkages have been removed in several places, though rather unsuccessfully. Also, the labyrinth of organization gives a feeling that there are several organizations, whereas they are run by the same set of people.

Peeling the onion, the key players surface is three - Shaik Ubaid (IAMC/BTF/JFA/ImanNet); Abdul Mujahid (Sound Vision/JFA/BTF), and ICNA. At the back actually, the key factor is one - ICNA.

Deja Vu

The Bhajan Singh Bhinder led psywar operation also copied the same method - using names of several fronts (OFMI, Sikh Information Center, Sovereign Star Publishing and so on) to project a sense of gravity, hiding the fact that all of these fronts were run by him or his stooges.

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Chapter-6: IAMC, ICNA, and Shaik Ubaid

The name that keeps appearing in the report doesn't need much introduction. Ubaid is a medical graduate from Osmania College Hyderabad, and presently a medical practitioner in NY, US. He was earlier Secretary in ICNA, Editor of "The Message International"-Newsletter of ICNA and later formed his organization - IAMC which claims to work for the cause of Indian minorities. He was a founding member of Coalition Against Genocide along with Angana Chatterji. Interestingly, Ms. Chatterji was with USCIRF Commissioner Maenza in another of her company called Hardwired Global.

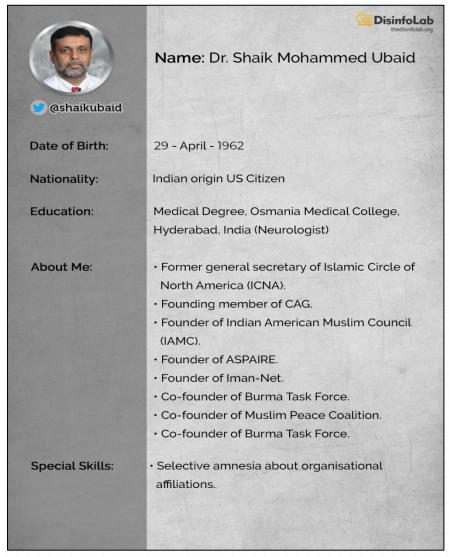


Fig 22 CV Of Shaik Ubaid

Shaik Ubaid's interests in human rights are not limited to Indian Muslims, and he has been actively taking up the cause of Burma Muslims, running paid Facebook advertisements to collect Zakat from the US Muslims. Though it is another matter that this fund has been used to hire US-based lobby firms to target India.

His fronts - IAMC and BTF - have been very active in Webinar/ Seminar circuits, and have been hosting several events himself, in which USCIRF and other human rights stalwarts have remained a regular occurrence. Some of the names that have been honorable presence to such events include USCIRF Vice Chair Arunima Bhargava, Commissioner Maenza, Political Analysts Harrison Akins; US Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal; 'historian' Audrey Truschke; writers and journalists Rana Ayyub, Siddharth Varadarajan, Arfa Khanum Sherwani, Kapil Komireddi; HR activists Sunita Viswanath, Govind Acharya (Amnesty USA), Ajit Sahi, Angana Chatterji, Harsh Mander, Teesta Setalvad, Cedric Prakash and others including Mahua Moitra, Ladeeda Farzana; Ayesha Renna; Kafeel Khan, etc. Angana Chatterji received the Tipu Sultan award and Tarun Tejpal received the Moulana Muhammad Ali Johar award in 2008 by IAMC.

Who would have thought that such 'luminaries' would get played, not being able to decipher the real people and the real game?

However, what these big-ticket fronts and these big names mask are the real players. The labyrinth of these fronts masks a key fact - that the big puppeteer is ICNA. And there are well-documented records of this front association with ICNA. However, IAMC founder Shaik Ubaid in an interview has been denied that he has any relation with ICNA. He has also claimed that ICNA has no relations with Jamaat-e-Islam (Jel).



Fig 23 Shaik Ubaid's tweet denying his connections with IAMC

But his actions seem to contradict his statement. Let's deconstruct these assertions: -

Shaik Ubaid and ICNA

Shaik Ubaid was the General Secretary of ICNA at the time Abdul Mujahid was its Ameer (Head). Subsequently, ICNA established a non-profit entity called Sound Vision (Helping Tomorrow's Muslims today). Sound Vision, subsequently founded an umbrella organization Justice for All (JFA), under which there are several banner projects including BTF co-founded by Mujahid and Shaik Ubaid.

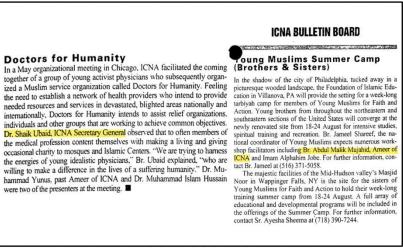
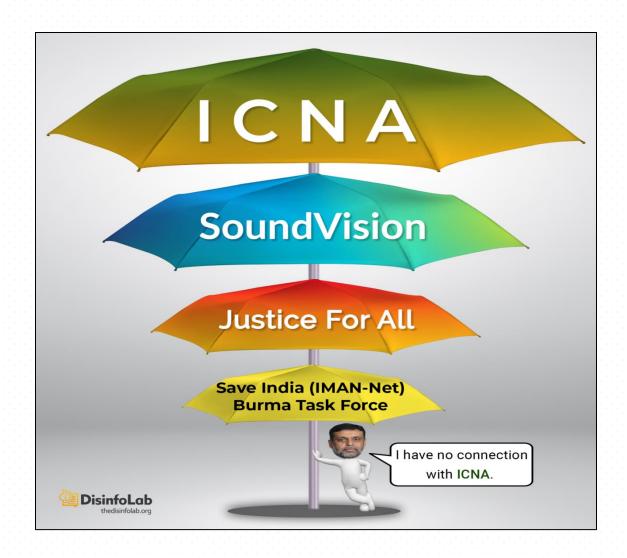


Fig 24: Abdul Malik Mujahid and Shaik Ubaid as part of ICNA [9]

- If Shaik Ubaid parted ways with ICNA, it must have been a happy divorce. Shaik Ubaid has
 been regularly and consistently present in ICNA events despite so-called distancing on
 ideological ground. He has also been partnering with several fronts that have been
 mushrooming under the umbrella of ICNA including BTF. It is convenient to distance for
 sake of hiding association while acting together and lobbying together.
- The Lobby firm hired by IAMC (Terry Allen FGR) is subsequently hired by the Burma Task Force, which is being run under the ICNA umbrella of Justice for All and co-funded by Ubaid.

⁹ https://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/1089.pdf



Déjà vu:

It seems all these organizations have the same SOP or 'toolkit' (pardon the punch). This statement of Shaik Ubaid reminds us of Pieter who also claims no association with OFMI, despite being the founding director and leading their events. (Un-ending War -I/ Page 12).

Chapter 7: ICNA and Jamaat

As noted above in the previous chapter, Shaik Ubaid has also given clean chit to ICNA for not having any association with Jamaat. It is important to note that ICNA had Jamaat ties since its inception, and hence Ubaid's clean chit is baffling, to say the least. These relations are not even secret and have been well documented. These relations are so worrisome that a group of US Congressmen has sought an investigation into ICNA for its affiliations with LeT, HHRD, Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan. [10]

- ICNA was set up in 1968 as Halqa-e-Ahbab-e-Islami (HAI) and incorporated as ICNA in 1971. The very first public lecture of HAI was by Jammat founder - Maulana Abdul A'la Maududi. Since then, several Jel affiliated people have headed this organization and been on important posts. Several ICNA heads have been associated with Jamaat and worked for it. [11]
- Likewise, several of its presidents have been from the Jel stable including its recent president Dr. Mohsin Ansari. Adding more weight to this is the association of Ashrafuz Zaman Khan, one of the convicts in the Genocide of Bengali intellectuals in 1971. Khan was associated with ICNA Queen's Chapter New York. He also hailed from the Islami-Chhatra-Sangh (student wing of Jel). [12]
- ICNA's connection with Jel and Syed Salahuddin dated back to 1997 when he was interviewed by its Magazine- *The Message*. The exclusive interview not only recognized him as the leader of the terrorist outfit but also glorified him as a heroic figure for Kashmir liberation. [13]
- How much ICNA is beholden to Jamaat is obvious that in 2016 ICNA felicitated Motiur Rahman Nizami, the leader of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI), and Al-Badr, who was responsible for the mass genocide of Bengali intellectuals during the Bangladesh Liberation War in 1971. ICNA honored him posthumously for his "Outstanding Contribution" to Islam and his role in the 1971 tragedy.

¹⁰https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-resolution/160/text?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22jim+banks %22%5D%7D

¹¹ https://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/1058.pdf

¹² https://www.thedailystar.net/bangladeshis-in-new-york-demand-his-deportation-3738

¹³ https://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/963.pdf

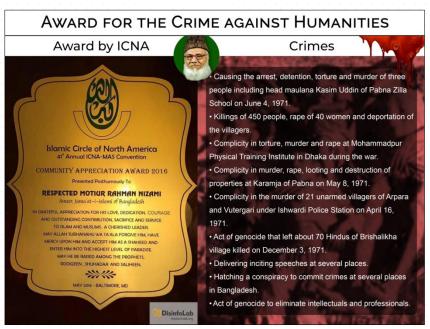


Fig 25: "Achievements" Of Motiur Rahman

However, Dr. Ubaid seems to have overlooked it all. Nonetheless, several important milestones would not let this symbiotic relationship be hidden.

- Helping Hand for Relief and Development (HHRD) the global charity wing of ICNA has a
 Rehab and Research Centre in Karachi. [14] Its Chairman Mohsin Ansari was an alumnus
 of Islami-Jamiat-Talaba, the student wing of Jel, Pakistan. In 2017, HHRD did a
 conference in Pakistan along with Falah-e-Insaniyat and Milli Muslim League,
 respectively the charitable and political wings of Lashkar-e-Taiba a globally designated
 terrorist organization along with its Chief Hafiz Saeed (Mastermind of Mumbai terror
 attacks).
- HHRD also did a conference in Pakistan which was chaired by Al-Khidmat, the charity wing of Jel. Al Ghazali Education Trust, another partner of HHRD is also a branch of Jamaat. The US designated global terrorist and Hizbul Chief Syed Salahuddin has publicly partnered with both Al-Khidmat and Ghazali Education Trust. HHRD has carried as many as 214 projects with Al-Khidmat. [15]

¹⁴ http://dearcolleague.us/2019/09/cosign-investigate-potential-terror-finance-links/

¹⁵ http://dearcolleague.us/2019/09/cosign-investigate-potential-terror-finance-links/

Hafiz Naeem Ur Rehman, the Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami's Karachi chapter (Al-Khidmat) partnered with HHRD also has a close tie with the US-designated Kashmiri terrorist organization Hizbul Mujahideen; and in 2016 Rehman was seen celebrating 'Martyrdom' of Kashmiri terrorist Burhan Wani along with Hizb-ul-Mujahideen Commander Salahuddin. These traces have been removed, but the archive link exposed them. [16] [17]

And how far behind the masters can be? The ISI in flesh and blood

As if the Jamaat and its Pakistan linkages were not enough, there was ISI in flesh and blood. The umbrella organization JFA under which Burma Task Force of Mujahid/Ubaid operates had the honor to host resources from the convicted ISI agent Ghulam Nabi Fai. Fai was found guilty in 2011 by the FBI for concealing the transfer of USD 3.5 million from the US to Pakistan and has been lobbying for Kashmiri separatists at the behest of ISI. Fai was an expert columnist on Kashmir on the website of Justice for All during the early 2000s. [18] Presently, his blogs are not available on JFA's website as they became subject to removal following his arrest. That JFA was ignorant of his connections despite itself being intertwined with Jamaat would be a hard sell.



Fig 26: Ghulam Nabi Fai's blogs on JFA's website in the early 2000s

¹⁶ https://www.investigativeproject.org/7011/ipt-investigation-reveals-icna-partner-close-ties

¹⁷ https://web.archive.org/web/20180131205734/http://www.hizbmedia.org/06%20February%202017(a).php

http://web.archive.org/web/20001205214200/http://www.justiceforall.org/fai.html

The symbiotic relations are hard to suppress, and despite Fai's public conviction, he has been frequently appearing at the events of ICNA and Sound Vision; and has been sharing each other's contents through their social media pages. [19] [20]

Fai has also been seen frequently with 'Human Rights' activist Angana Chatterji. 'Coincidentally', both Ghulam Nabi Fai and Nadine Maenza at some points have crossed paths with one common person i.e., Dr. Angana Chatterji. She is one of the board members of Hardwired Global, the organization Maenza was associated with between 2017-18. It is worthwhile to note that Angana was a regular attendant of the conferences at Capitol Hill. In 2008, IAMC had felicitated Dr. Angana Chatterji with the Tipu Sultan award for 'Courageously Serving India'. [21]

Real face of ICNA

On the face of it, ICNA was set up as a mix of the community plus advocacy groups for the Muslim community in North America, and so that they wanted the outside world to believe. But for their members and insiders, the objective changes a complete 180 degrees.

Here is a screenshot from ICNA's own 'By-Laws & Charter' issued in 1994 (which has now been removed from their website, but remains available in the PDF version):

Clause 4: Goal

The goal of ICNA shall be to seek the pleasure of Allah (SWT) through the struggle for Iqamat-ud-Deen (establishment of the Islamic system of life) as spelled out in the Qur'an and the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

Fig 27- Extract from ICNA's Law and Charter

The ICNA Charter also mentions that it would deploy only democratic and peaceful means as per Islamic principles. What ICNA doesn't explain is whether the association with the terror organizations falls under the purview of their stated principles or not.

It also doesn't tell whether celebrating the act of terror would still be interpreted as "peaceful" by ICNA and its torchbearers. Sample this: The official mouthpiece of ICNA - *The Message,* in its December 1997 edition is talking about an American Lawrence Nicholas Thomas who converted to Islam as @Jibril and went on Jihad in Kashmir.

¹⁹ https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=ghulam+nabi+fai+ICNA

²⁰ https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=1517147198454190&ref=watch_permalink

²¹ https://thetruthaboutliars.wordpress.com/category/uncategorized/

At the same time, he continued his studies of Arabic and Qur'an, and intensified his prayers. In an interview to determine his spiritual preparedness for iihad, Jibril cited a hadith stating that jihad would free two groups in the Ummah of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) from the hellfire. One group would be those who fight in the region of India, and the other would be those who assist Prophet 'Isa (as) against the Dajjal (anti-Christ). Questioned about the perils of jihad, Jibril asserted that "A shaheed (martyr) is the best, and I want to be the best." In November 1996, a loving and lengthy family discussion concluded that he must be permitted to pursue his dream.

Fig 28(i)- Extract from ICNA's Newsletter-Message

And while there are indeed several nuances of the term and usage of Jihad, and rest assured these elements and their apologists would start preaching; the same magazine makes it amply clear what ICNA meant when they use the word Jihad.

visit them, Insha'Allah. "However," Jibril asserted, "the duties to my family are on a personal level while the duty to my Ummah (Muslim community) is the top priority." Pointing in the direction of Kashmir, he said, "I have to help these people. I am just waiting for the snow on this mountain to melt. Then I will cross over into Kashmir, Insha'Allah." The snow melted. On 26 October 1997, at the village of Doda in Kashmir, there was a skirmish. Thirty- four Indian soldiers were killed, and four Muslims became shaheed (martyrs). Allahu Akbar! Among those who became shaheed was Jibril, Insha' Allah. (It is reported from reliable sources that Jibril was responsible for killing 17 of the 34 Hindu fighters.)

Fig 28(ii)- Extract from ICNA's Newsletter-Message

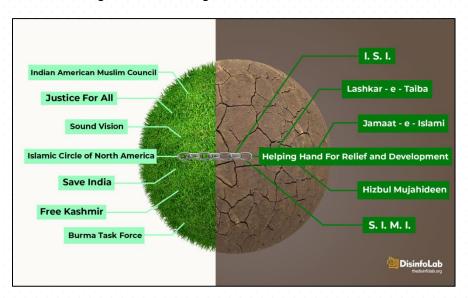
Mark the words used by ICNA official magazine - Jibril is celebrated for killing the Hindu fighters. This is an organization, whose worldview is determined solely by their religious binary and their religious bigotry.

Just a casual reminder, the General Secretary of ICNA at the time was Dr. Shaik Ubaid, a self-proclaimed 'Hindu lover'. And Dr. Ubaid had given clean chit to ICNA for having no association with Jamaat-e-Islami.

The same scenario with similar justifications and eulogies was carried out when hordes of youngsters under influence of radical Islamists got converted into Islam and went to fight on behalf of ISIS. While after ISIS there was a global outcry, the ICNA manages to operate silently behind the scene. The ICNA is a precursor to the same ideology.

And the justification ICNA has for collaboration with terror groups and their affiliates? "In any case since our relationship with Al-Khidmat Foundation is on the project-by-project basis, we have no say nor do we have any legal or moral responsibility on how Al-Khidmat raises and spends its funds."

Welp! Clap your hands and go home, nothing to see here.



A Sober Reminder:

These organizations and people - with direct linkages to terrorist organizations, and who have been honoring Genocide perpetrators have been lobbying the US agencies including USCIRF, worried about the "Human Rights Situation" in India.

Part III- JFA And Its Agenda: Chicken comes Home to Roost

CHAPTER 8: 'Save India': To Doto or not to Doto?

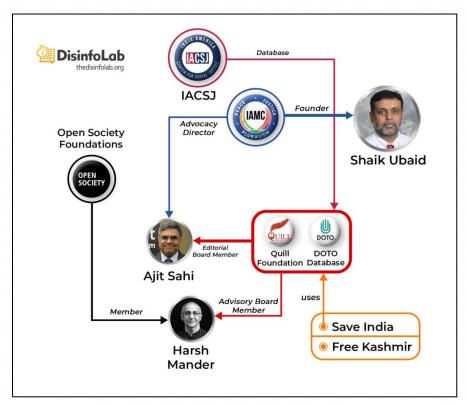


Fig 29: PART III DETAILS

JFA has one of the flagship projects as 'Save India' which ostensibly strives to Save India from communalism and Fascism; and to map the rise of communalism and fascism in India, Save India uses a database called DOTO Database. It should be noted that the new front created by IAMC - the IACSJ also has a DOTO database as a key source through which they are mapping the rising communalism and religious violence in India.

Save India

The name and the objective give it an appearance of an organization set up by 'concerned' individuals - both Indian and foreigner - to save India from the menace of 'Communalism' and rising 'Fascism'.

However, the Facebook page of the organization, unfortunately, gave it away. In this yet another front for a noble cause, there are the same set of people - IAMC and Shaik Ubaid.



Fig 30: Page Name Change of Save India



Fig 31: IMAM-Net as a division of IMC-USA

Indian Minorities Alert Network (ImanNet) is an Indian Muslim advocacy group, founded by Shaik Ubaid, which is a replica of ICNA's similar platform. On the pattern of IACSJ and BTF, ImanNet was renamed as Save India. And to save India, this platform relies on DOTO Database which tracks the atrocities on Indian minorities.

DOTO Database:

The Documentation of the Oppressed (DOTO) Database was registered in 2017 and claims to have been collecting data regarding violence perpetuated on Indian minorities since 2014. The IACSJ Website has also used DOTO as a reference, apart from one more Database from CJ Werleman. Incidentally, Werleman's database is the exact copy/paste of the DOTO Database. Whoever is copy-pasting for the Werleman database is doing a good job in re-writing the headlines.

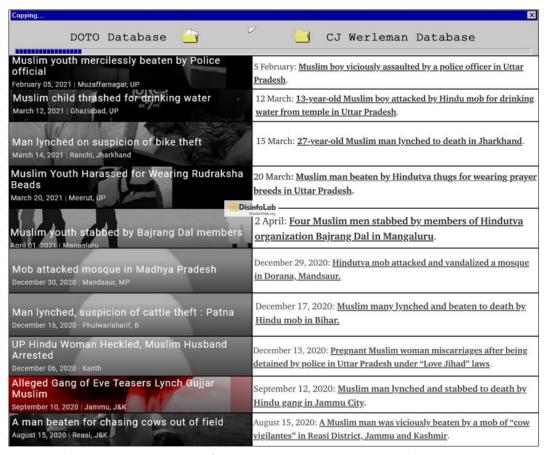


Fig 32 Comparison of DOTO Database & CJ Werleman Database

The DOTO database has played a very significant role in mapping rising communal violence on minorities in India. The Database has documented all cases of atrocities against Indian minorities from 2014, with a total of 22,919 victims between 2014-2021. The significance of the database is so much that not only 'Save India' and IACSJ use it, but also UNHRC!

However, the most significant feature of this database is that it is fake, fabricated, and highly inflated.

Here is an examination of some of its major documentations:

| S.No | Case Link f | rom DTdb and Date | Victims Claimed | Comment |
|------|--|---|--------------------|--|
| 1. | https://dotodatabase.com/view/muslims-forced-o_ut-of-camp-by-distcollector 03.01.2014 MAIN INFORMATION Date of Incident: January 03, 2014 Nature of Violence | | 5000 | Claim: 5000 Muslims were moved out and the police were sheltering them. (refer to Muzaffarnagar riots (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2013_Muzaffarnagar_riots) And the "Nature of Violence" was "People leaving Traditional Food". |
| | Name of the victim : Name of Perpetrator State District/City Party In Power / Incidents | spaces/institutions Undisclosed Undisclosed Uttar Pradesh Shamii SP - Samajwadi Party | | Fact: They were being relocated, as they were in temporary shelter. DTdb uses the reference (https://archive.org/details/MuslimCampsIn EidgahDestroyedByDistrictCollectorInKand hlaShamliUP.) - which does not mention any details about the news. |
| 2. | ycotted-in-nizamabac 29.05.2019 | Abase.com/view/muslims-bo d-over-a-land-dispute May 29, 2019 - Attack on religious feativals/worship - Communal - Communal - Demoition/Attack on - Demoition of access to public spaces/institutions - Employment - Economic boycott - Acquisition/appropriation of land - Dispute over Places of - Worship - Muslim community - Hindutva - Telangana - Nizamabad - TRS - Telangana Rashtra - Samithi | 3000 | Fact: The number 3000 is an arbitrary number-not clear who they chose and who they left. https://www.deccanchronicle.com/nation/current-affairs/310519/nizamabad-cops-intervene-to-end-social-boycott.html More of all the case did not mention Hindus majority at all. |

| 3. | https://www.dotodatabase.com/view/muslim-you th-unlawfully-detained | 2193 | Fact: The Clarion India report mentions that "Activist fear that detained persons can be Muslims" But the police has not revealed "religious identity". |
|----|--|------|---|
| | 10.03.2020 Claim: Police details Muslims. DOTO mentions following sources for its claim: ClarionIndia/ Thepatriot.in/ The Hindu/ Indianews.world | | The Hindu & The Patriot both mentions only 1 case; The Hindu noted that 'police is detaining 4-5 people.' The IndiaNews link is broken. During Delhi Riots, a total of 5500 people were detained. If the claim is correct, even then 3307 will be from other religion. |
| 4. | https://www.dotodatabase.com/view/muslim-families-evicted-by-bjp-mla 05.12.2019 Claim: Muslim families uprooted. DOTO referes <i>The Hindu</i> report, which itself states the real reason for the case | 1800 | Fact: The same The Hindu report states "officials said the families had encroached upon government land, had their petitions rejected by the Gawhati High Court twice and were in the way of a four-lane highway project. Furthermore, they said, the process of eviction, carried out on December 5 and 6, had begun in 2018." https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/war-of-words-over-assam-eviction/article30545320.ece |

| 5. | https://www.dotodatabase.com/view/muslim-mig rants-face-discrimination-and-hunger 11.04.2020 Claim: 1000 Muslims affected during Covid (and Causal factor – Religious identity). References The Wire story. MAIN INFORMATION Date of incident April 11, 2020 Helipous identity Party in Power / Incidents Muscaling Main References Helipous identity Erahad Hosselin, Mostbur Bhaikh, Aladul Bhaikh, Tahir Bhaikh Name of Perpetrator Undisclosed Blate Maharashtra District/City Mumbalicity Party in Power / Incidents MNG : Maharashtra Havnirman Bena | 1000 | During COVID-19, Several people migrated and, there were sufferings for all. To specify it as suffering due to religious identity would be a over-stretch. Moreover, support was provided to them. (https://www.whatshot.in/mumbai/volunteer-mumbai-helping-needy-amid-covid-19-c-21049) The reference that DOTO has given itself mentions that "around 800-1,000 Muslim labourers from West Bengal have been surviving at the mercy of local NGOs and some good samaritans". Interestingly, the major population of Wadala is Muslim. 1000 victims does not seem to be |
|----|--|------|---|
| 6. | http://dotodatabase.com/view/communal-tension -over-madrasa-in-atali | | Fact: Around 70 Muslims had fled. https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Del hi/communal-tension-rocks-atali/article738 |
| | 29.05.2015 Claim: Over 600 Muslims fled due to communal tension | | 1059.ece |
| 7. | http://dotodatabase.com/view/muslims-want-to-sell-property-due-to-communal-bias 30.06.2018 Claim: Muslims selling property under duressedue to Communal tension, referencing National Herald. | 500 | Fact: The same reference gives the actual number as 100. https://www.nationalheraldindia.com/india/meerut-uttar-pradesh-muslims-tired-of-communal-bias-want-to-sell-property-and-leave |

| 8 | http://dotodatabase.com/view/around-500-meat-shops-forcefully-closed- /21.09.2017 http://dotodatabase.com/view/hindu-organzation-shuts-down-400-meat-shops / 10.10.2018 http://dotodatabase.com/view/hindu-sena-shut-chicken-shops-in-gurgaon / 09.04.2019 Claim: All three cases are in the same pattern – claiming Muslims affected due to a call to ban Chicken sales during Ramadan. | 500400250 | 1. An individual namely Ritu Raj from Gurugram, who claimed to be from Shiv Sena (which has been denied by the Party) every year makes a statement. However, there has been no impact whatsoever. 2. There is a total of 126 licensed meat shops in Gurugram, and approx 26 KFC in complete NCR. No data on which are run by Muslims. Not clear, how DOTO arrived at the figures. 3. Despite the same person giving the same call, the number of victims changes every year. |
|---|---|---|--|
| 9 | https://www.dotodatabase.com/view/around-200 -madarsa-students-detained- 11.07.2017 Claim: Muslim students detained | 200 | Fact: It was a routine verification process as concerns were raised about children being "trafficked", as students didn't carry any ID cards; and many young students were not able to tell where they were going and with whom. |

In addition, some outright fake news was included in the Database which has been debunked by several media:

| S. No | Fake News of DOTO Database | Exposed by |
|-------|---|---|
| 1. | https://dotodatabase.com/view/rss-attacked-on-madarasa-in-geeta-colony | https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/two-communities-clas h-in-geeta-colony-7-injured/ |
| 2. | http://dotodatabase.com/view/a-girl-burnt-for-resisting-attempts-of-molestation | https://www.thequint.com/news/webqoof/unrelated-pics-video-falsely-linked-to-recent-bihar-vaishali-incident#read-more |
| 3. | https://dotodatabase.com/view/kashmiri-girl-allegedl y-harassed-by-landlad | https://www.opindia.com/2020/10/real-story-kashmiri-woman-del hi-alleged-landlady-harassment/ |
| 4. | http://dotodatabase.com/view/man-refuses-to-accep t-groceries-from-muslim | https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Ciy4xMSSEI |

So, more than 2/3rd of the victims documented by the DOTO Database are either inflated or outrageous fake numbers. And Dr. Shaik Ubaid and the company intends to 'Save India' based on this fake data! No wonder they need lobbying firms to achieve this noble objective.

However, presuming that even this Database is correct, a comparison with the Crime Record by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) for the same years (between 2014-2020) shows that while there has been a continuous increase in overall crime rates, the data recorded by DoTo (despite its inflated figures) indicates that <u>as a percentage of overall crime numbers, the crime against the minorities has decreased in the last six years</u>. So much far for rising fascism in India.

| Year | DOTO | NCRB |
|------|------|-----------|
| 2014 | 223 | 45,71,663 |
| 2015 | 128 | 47,10,676 |
| 2016 | 123 | 48,31,515 |
| 2017 | 180 | 50,07,044 |
| 2018 | 113 | 50,74,634 |
| 2019 | 220 | 51,56,172 |
| 2020 | 182 | NA |
| 2021 | 15 | NA |

Table 3: Comparison of No of Cases between DOTO & NCRB

Islamophobia in India: Another of DOTO Milestone

We may recall that during the lockdown in 2020 there was a narrative being pushed aggressively that Islamophobia in India was rising. This fake social media campaign targeting India was run by Pak establishment-sponsored fake handles masquerading as Middle East nobility. It was subsequently revealed that ISPR runs social media handles have faked themselves as members of Middle East Royal families to accuse India of Islamophobia.

This fake news narrative was exposed by several media houses including Alt News, [22] The Print, [23] Hindustan Times, [24] etc., and has also been a part of our previous report (*Pakistan's 5th Generation Warfare*). [25]

²²https://www.altnews.in/pakistani-twitter-handles-impersonating-as-arab-personalities-criticize-india-over-islamophobia/

However, despite exposing this anti-India campaign was very successful as the narrative got stuck even if the whole thing was exposed to be designed by Pakistan info-war machinery.

What is most interesting, though not surprising, to see is that the same DOTO Database was the key data that was used in propagating the false narrative of Islamophobia in India.

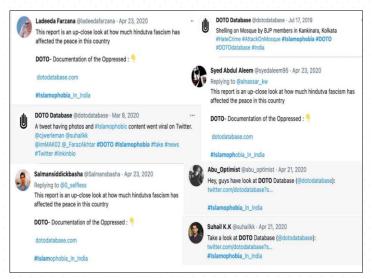


Fig 33 Usage of #Islamophobia by Doto Database continually to amplify fake Islamophobia narrative

As the above pic shows, this fake database was not merely used for propagating the narrative, it was actively promoted in a coordinated effort. The identical tweets at the same time were pushed out by Ladeeda and others. That the same fabricated Database was used by ICNA and IAMC fronts was not a coincidence. Ladeeda Farzana has also been at IAMC event.

People Behind DOTO Database

The DOTO Database has an interesting background. While the portal claims to collect data from 2014, it was found that it has been collecting data since 2012, [26] as some of its documents have been archived. These archived documents show that initially, it was collecting data with another organization - United Mass Media (UMM), founded by Syed Qasim Rasool Ilyas.

Syed Ilyas is a former member of the banned terrorist organization SIMI. (Ilyas also happened to be the father of JNU student Umar Khalid, who is currently in jail under UAPA.) Ilyas later founded

²³ https://theprint.in/world/many-arab-handles-slamming-india-are-part-of-twitter-war-from-pakistan/408287/

²⁴https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/eye-on-gulf-countries-pak-ups-twitter-campaign-to-target-india-over-islamop hobia/story-U0j3fXsSmwJNRIVTqrQz3K.html

²⁵ https://thedisinfolab.org/the-anatomy-of-pakistans-5th-generation-warfare/

²⁶ https://archive.org/details/SaqibNachanArrestedAfterMurderOfVHPLeaderInBhiwandiMaharshtra

the Welfare Party of India, whose secretary in 2011 was Suhail K.K. Suhail was also President of the Student Islamic Organization (SIO) which is the student wing of Jel.

Suhail KK is the person behind the DOTO Database. [27]

In essence, Illyas and Suhail started UMM, which later become the DOTO database under Suhail. This front has been creating a fake database which is then used to malign India's image in the name of minorities' issues.

And while the database may be an obscure one, the real people behind it are very influential - some of the luminaries of India's human rights/ minority rights defenders - and with hidden links with the IAMC/ICNA nexus.

Deja Vu

The 2012 document collected by DOTO is that of "Saqib Nachan". Saqib was arrested in the Lal Singh Case mentioned in our previous report. In his official statement, he accepted to be a SIMI member. It is also baffling why a database on atrocities on minorities has archived a terrorist's data.

(Un-ending War -I/ Page 36)

²⁷ https://english.alaraby.co.uk/analysis/how-indias-love-jihad-law-demonises-muslims

Chapter 9: DOTO Database and Quill Foundation

Red Flag

The fake data notwithstanding, it is surprising to see that DoTo Database has been used also by UNHRC. It is rather peculiar how an obscure Database has managed to reach such an organization, who chose to take them on their face value without examining the credibility of the data or the people behind it.

A technical glitch on the DoTo Database reveals that DOTO is hosted on the same server as Quill Foundation, but on a different port. By adding SSL certification (instead of HTTP, HTTPS) the site leads to Doto Database from Quill foundation. In essence, not only they are hosted on the same server but are run by the same set of people.

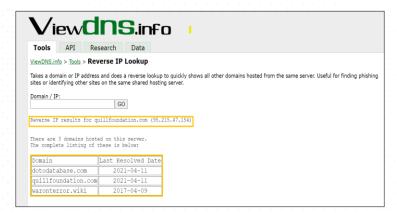


Fig 34: Quill Foundation and Doto database hosted on the same server

The glitch could be for several reasons - maybe the site was put on for testing on the same domain, and was later forgotten to be removed, or the tech guy was not paid his monthly salary.

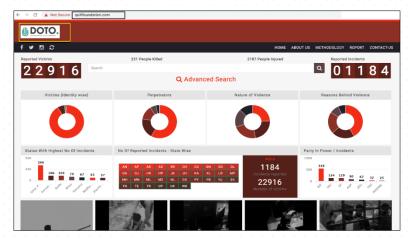


Fig 35 Proof of DOTO & Quill hosted on the same server

The mystery of the DOTO Database's rather oversized reach is resolved once the name of Quill Foundation (QF) surfaces. QF has some of the luminaries of Indian human rights space, including people such as Harsh Mander, Dharam Puri, Justice Kolse Patil, and Saba Naqvi among others. The 'Editorial Collective' of Quill Foundation also boasts of some very big names such as Ajit Sahi, who has been mentioned as a Tehelka journalist.

However, the website has conveniently omitted that Ajit Sahi is also in the advocacy group of IAMC of Shaik Ubaid. Sahi has also been a frequent presence on IAMC events, and one of the fiercest defenders of SIMI on the <u>Tehelka</u> Platform. Sahi has also been one of the key persons pushing the USCIRF report.

To Sum-up

Jamaat affiliated organizations, hand in gloves with Pak based terror groups, run anti-India propaganda; collect funds in the name of Zakat; pay the money to lobbying firms to influence USCIRF against India; engage USCIRF officials who are associated with the lobbying firm; several USCIRF functionaries attend events organized by the Jamaat fronts, and use a fabricated Database from a front also with Jamaat connection. It then publishes a report on the issue of religious freedom in India, calling India a 'Country of Particular Concern'.

Part IV- Amplifiers

Chapter 10: The short term and long-term goals

Every psywar has certain objectives, and so had this enterprise by IAMC. This design had more than one objective and was operating at multiple levels simultaneously. At one level, the same machinery was pushing the fake narrative of Islamophobia and minority persecution in India and making that as base lobbying international organizations to issue certificates to India. Using that as a ground hire lobbyist to influence foreign government for putting sanctions on India to hamper the economy.

There was also a sidekick to be had by Pakistani masters - to repeatedly draw home the point that India was like Pakistan. To this end, the machinery also had well-placed 'influencers'- both in India as well as globally - whose job was to get concerned' once these Reports are released. And to get concerned, they are to attend the events organized by the machinery and use reference/ database that has been created by the same machinery.

This is a near-perfect game-plan, and whoever runs this must have felt like the great magician.

An effort by IAMC:

On April 3, 2021, IAMC had penned a letter to USCIRF asking them to designate India as a 'Country of Particular Concern' (CPC) for the second consecutive year in their latest annual report. [28] However, what seems to be a clash of opinions, or perhaps the collection of inaccurate/inadequate data, IAMC stated that about 225 cases of violence were reported against Christians in India, citing Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF). While the USCIRF itself reports that only one case of such victim was found in the nation. [29]

²⁸ https://iamc.com/letter-to-uscirf-to-designateindia-as-country-of-particular-concern/

²⁹ https://www.uscirf.gov/victims-list/

Chapter 11: Propaganda Machinery at work

Once the desired result (India as CPC) was obtained through USCIRF, there was only one thing left to do - to popularize the Report to extract maximum mileage. After all, for a psywar project, the more is the merrier. However, if this propagation is orchestrated, there is bound to be a pattern. There is a pattern.

The first step in popularizing any report is to give it media hype through 'friendly' media platforms. Moreover, once a particular spin is pushed out through some media, others are more likely to follow - who would make fresh efforts in this age of lazy journalism. Therefore, it was also important that the Report was made available to some pliant media well in time for them to get a ready-reckoner, which could then be highlighted through social media amplifiers. The 2020 Report seems to have been shared by USCIRF itself or by those who had access to the Report even before it was published.

This is evident from the fact that while the USCIRF Report was released on April 28 at @7.44 PM (IST), a full-fledged analysis of the report was already published by a news portal called Religion News Services (RNS) a full six-minute BEFORE the report i.e., @ 7.38 pm (IST).



Fig 36: Tweets of Adelle Banks

The RNS story was carried out by Adelle Banks. [30] Not surprising that Bank's previous reports have been used as references by ICNA on multiple occasions. Later, the same article is used as a reference by ICNA fronts viz - MAS, CAIR, CSJ, etc. to highlight the Report.

In essence, RNS was made an available copy of the report well in advance to prepare a ready-to-eat meal for others to use [21]. However, as the luck would have it, either in her overzeal or may be under pressure from the people eager to see the fruit of their efforts, Adelle Banks ended up publishing the report earlier than the actual report came in public. [31]

³⁰ https://www.icna.org/newsroom/solitary-confinement-is-immoral-ineffective/

³¹ https://www.ncronline.org/news/justice/interfaith-activists-call-solitary-confinement-immoral-ineffective

Chapter-12: Twitter-The Perfect Mode of DisInfo

It is becoming clearer day by day how the info-war machinery has acquired a unique mastery to use social media to build up and reinforce narratives. Of all social media platforms, Twitter has come rather handy for such exercises, where creating fake anonymous handles is much easier compared to other platforms. Twitter also is useful in creating a splash on any topic by way of trending hashtags, which is useful in bringing any topic to the attention of the general user by inflating it artificially. The 2020 Report was propagated in a similar method, by thousands of fake Twitter handles, who tell their own stories.

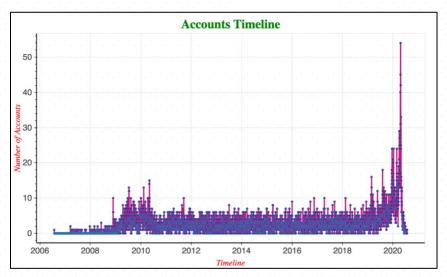


Fig 37: Newly Created Twitter Handles for USCIRF 2020

The above graph shows the timeline creation of Twitter handles which were used to propagate USCIRF 2020 Report.

As is shown, a significant number of Twitter accounts were created just for amplifying the report. A total of 1748 accounts were created between January 2020 to April 2020; of which about 750 accounts were created in April itself - the same month the report was published. These handles dominated all the discourse on the USCIRF report.

The idea was not only to amplify the Report but to also steer the discussion of the Report in the desired direction. Taking advantage of Twitter algorithm rules, which tend to amplify any post that gets more traction, these handles kept posting/ re-posting/ and re-tweeting their content so as no contrary views on the topic get traction.

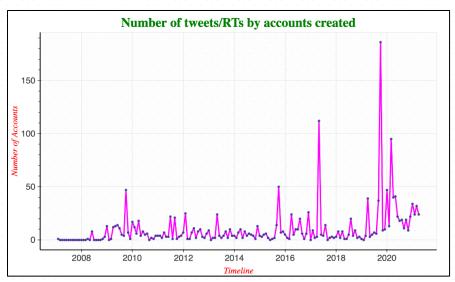


Fig 38 Number of tweets/RTs by newly created account for USCIRF 2020 Report

The above graph shows the timeline of the accounts as they were created and the number of tweets/retweets by these accounts. We can see a peak in April 2020 when the report of USCIRF is released. As mentioned above, the accounts created in April 2020 to propagate the Report were also the ones who are most aggressive in popularizing this Report.

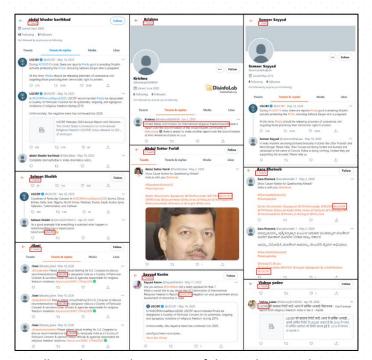


Fig 39: Collage showing the purpose of the newly created account

The above collage shows that the accounts are created for propaganda. As we can see, these handles have just one or two tweets, all about Islamophobia in India or amplifying the USCIRF report. There are about 100 accounts that have less than 10 tweets in total, and which are discussing only the Report.

This pattern of coordinated amplification is seen all across the board - from IAMC to Justice for All - who have been very keen to reap the benefits of their lobbying efforts and establish the fake narrative of religious persecution in India.

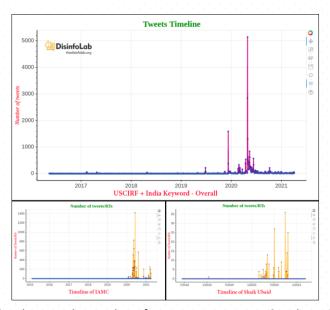


Fig 40: Plot showing the number of tweets using USCIRF & India as keywords

The top plot above takes two keywords 'USCIRF' and 'India' from January 2015 to 5th April 2021 and maps their occurrence together on Twitter.

Coinciding with the fact of India being designated CPC, there is a peak in the mention of USCIRF in the context of India. Important to note is that there has been almost no reference to USCIRF in the Indian context in the past; but even before the Report came in public, there was a spur in the mention of USCIRF and India together.

Post Report it could have made sense, as India getting designated CPC was a new thing. But the sudden spur before?

It was to boost the visibility of USCIRF. This visibility, as noted above is achieved through the fake Twitter handles. The more popular USCIRF becomes, the more attention the Report would have. More mileage could be extracted for the price paid.

As shown, one of the peaks comes around November 2019, when USCIRF Vice Chair Anurima Bhargava was invited to give her views on Kashmir in the US Congress hearing. Another peak (February-March 2020) was due to the propaganda efforts of IAMC against India when they organized several webinars and events in which high-level functionaries of USCIRF were a common occurrence.

The Larger Impact

The bottom-left plot in Fig36. shows, mentions of USCIRF in the context of India by IAMC, and as expected, a similar pattern is observed and the peaks in the bottom-left plot coincide with the peaks of the topmost plots. The mention of India by IAMC started in 2020 and was essentially led by Shaik Ubaid and IAMC. The same pattern can be seen with Shaik Ubaid which is shown by the bottom-right plot in Fig36. Most of the posts were in reaction to IAMC/ Shaik Ubaid's posts. Worth noting is that these posts by IAMC/Shaik Ubaid are propagated by the same set of fake accounts, created for the purpose during this time frame itself.

The same pattern is again replicated by JFA, where JFA tried to amplify the USCIRF 2020 annual report on India. In August 2020 BTF invited USCIRF Commissioner Maenza to discuss Rohingya issues. Further, in December 2020, JFA tries to raise petitions on Twitter when the US State Department does not accept USCIRF recommendations on CPC for India.

Fun-Fact:

In an hour-long discussion organized by the Burma Task Force on the issue of Rohingyas plight, where the USCIRF Commissioner is invited, Rohingyas are discussed for barely 10 minutes at the far end of the discussion. The major focus of discussion? Religious freedom and anti-conversion law of India.

Deja vu

The narrative of 'Fascism' in India was similarly shaped by Twitter posts by Pieter, which interestingly followed Pak PM Imran Khan's fascism jibe. The pattern of the discussion thereafter was subsequently fed into a cycle by a set of 'influencers'

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Chapter-13 Helping Hand from 'Concerned Individuals'

There have been several Influencers who had posted about the USCIRF Report, most of which is likely to be a response to the news-worthy Report. However, there were some prominent individuals whose agenda was hard to mask. Nonetheless, in absence of concrete evidence of their involvement with the Report, it would not be prudent to mention them. However, the Award for the biggest Human Rights Defender goes to Shireen Mazari, the Human Rights Chairman of Pakistan. She was extremely concerned about India being designated CPC. She was so concerned that she forgot that in the same report Pakistan has been a CPC - consistently for many years. India will always have such well-wishers.

On a serious note, Mazari's enthusiasm about the Report betrays what has been mentioned earlier about one of the objectives of the Report - to somehow portray India down to the level of Pakistan.



Fig 41 Tweet of Shireen Mazari on India's USCIRF Report 2020 [32]

Aakar Patel Got the Memo late?

Aakar Patel, former Executive Director of Amnesty International India also seems to be very concerned about the Report, and he seems so concerned that he confuses the 2020 Report and 2021 Report. (Unless he already knows that India is being designated CPC in 2021 as well, as other 'Concerned people' seems to be knowing).

³² https://twitter.com/ShireenMazari1/status/1255159667296284672



Fig 42: Tweet of Aakar Patel on 24.03.21

In a Tweet post, dated March 24^{th,} 2021, he claims that USCIRF has designated India CPC where he has given the link to the 2020 Report. Patel realized his mistake and corrected it on 14.04.21.

However, what is confusing is that he thinks @POTUS is to decide sanction, whereas the Report has already been rejected. Patel headed Amnesty India and is so unlikely to miss on such basic points. Maybe he indeed is hinting at the 2021 Report. But later someone seems, to have explained to him.



Fig 42: Tweet of Aakar Patel on 14.04.21

The 2021 Report and the Pattern Followers

The stakes must be higher in 2021, as the lobbying continues and the people in place in USCIRF remain the same.

The objective this year would be to create enough noise to further reinforce the fake narrative of 'minority prosecution in India', and to create a sense of global outcry with the help of pliant media and social media influences. We may also watch out for the 'global concerned citizens' this time, who would be suddenly worried about rising communalism in India.

Signs to Look for:

If the lobbying and networking have gone beyond USCIRF, expect some concerned global contribution. These Global Influencers would never in past have bothered about HR issues anywhere, not even in India, and wouldn't even have mentioned the USCIRF report ever. But may found a sudden urge to feel extremely worried about India. Their worry also may not go beyond a Tweet.

Be that as it may, it is unlikely that Jamaat and its boys would be leaving anything to chance, and hence have already started working on making this Report a success.

Note: This means certain things about the report are already confirmed, including India being CPC. If Dr. Ubaid's tweets are any guide, we may also see mention of 'Deteriorating situation of Dalits' in the country. (This report is being prepared before the USCIRF report; to be published immediately after the USCIRF Report).

Chapter 14: Replicating 2020 Model: More Fake Twitter Handles

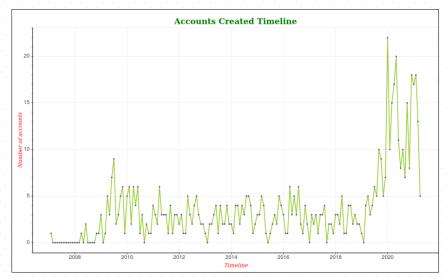


Fig 43 New Accounts Created since 03/21 discussing USCIRF

The above graph shows that the number of accounts created since March 2021, who have started discussing USCIRF even before the Report is anywhere on the horizon. Moreover, 192 accounts were created in 2020 and had amplified the last report have also started talking about India and USCIRF in 2021, in anticipation of the report.

The mandate of these fake handles is very clear- there are a set of handles that have not posted anything other than the USCIRF Report since their creation.

Keep the Pot Boiling

As noted, the plan is on to replicate the success of the 2020 Report - and all pawns are in place and lobbying amount paid. All that is needed is to keep the pot boiling. Which is being done with the help of some real and other fake accounts.

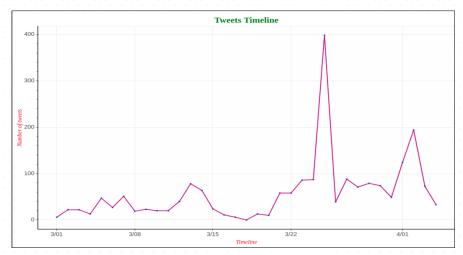


Fig 44: Tweets From 03/21 to 04/21 discussing USCIRF

The plot above shows the occurrence of USCIRF and India keywords from March 2021 to April 2021.

As noted, there are two significant peaks in 25th March and 2nd April, respectively. 25th March peak was led by IAMC which has given a shout-out to USCIRF. The Likes and Re-Tweets of the post are by the same set of fake handles created to artificially boost the agenda. Another peak was led by Bhinder "Expert" Pieter Fredrich on April 2nd promoting the USCIRF letter to designate India as CPC.

In addition, as is the pattern, helping hand is extended from the usual suspects who are also part of the nexus but try to project a distance by hiding their actual associations. But that they are 'engaged' effectively is seen from the effort they are making towards the Cause!





Fig 45 Tweets by Ajit Sahi & Angana Chatterji

Tweet Patterns fro Report 2020 and upcoming 2021 Report

- 270 accounts are common in the list of accounts that are amplifying the USCIRF report against India in 2020 and are seeking to put India again in CPC in 2021.
- In 2020, 13315 unique accounts tweeted 27310 tweets on USCIRF and India topic, out of this, 3579 tweets were done by these 270 accounts and most of these tweets were to create hype for the report against India.
- In 2021, till the 1st week of April, there are 1737 tweets out of which 1142 tweets are from the same 270 accounts.
- Out of the 13315 accounts tweeting on this issue in 2020, 1980 of them were created in 1st half of 2020 and 750 of these accounts were created in April 2020, itself, a troll group to amplify the report against India
- There are so far two verified accounts that are creating hype for the USCIRF report in 2021, one is USCIRF itself and the other is IAMC.

Chapter-15: Why this Kolaveri?

After enormous lobbying efforts, and having put all pawns in place, IAMC has also launched an online petition for the USCIRF to designate India as CPC. How cute!

So, while IAMC may be sure of the Report's outcome - as it seems to have ensured that India is designated as CPC even before the Report came. So, what is the point of the petition?

It seems that the petition would be useful in establishing the credibility of the IAMC, ICNA, and other Jamaat Fronts - that India was put in CPC due to their untiring efforts on defending HR in India. And while Dr. Shaik Ubaid may be a humble personality, he nonetheless could not avoid the temptation of taking the credit for such great accomplishments.

Earlier he had, in a not-so-subtle way, indicated the hard work in getting get Maenza and Perkin 'selected' as Commissioners, though he was humble enough not to mention the paid lobbying efforts.

It is obvious that Dr. Ubaid didn't mean this Tweet to be taken in this context, but the divine comedy was too tempting to ignore. As they say, the truth tends to surface.



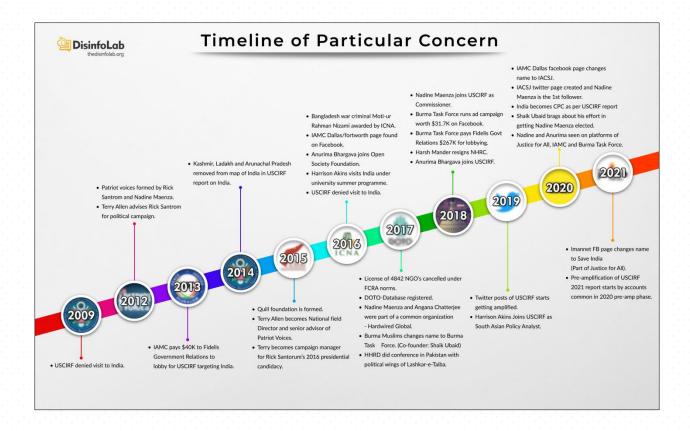
Fig 46 Shaik Ubaid takes Credit to hire Nadine Maenza & Tony Perkins

Déjà vu:

There seem to be certain very talented people who are getting fooled by all such anti-India organizations. This was seen in the previous Report as well its seen here. How criminal of these organizations to fool simple good-hearted people to rope in for their anti-India agenda.

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Timeline of Particular Concern



Network of Particular Concern

