

The Honorable Marco Rubio  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20520

Date: Apr 25, 2025

**Subject: Request to Revoke Visas of Pakistani Delegates Complicit in Supporting Terrorism**

Dear Secretary Rubio,

We are students at Harvard Kennedy School, deeply disturbed by the recent targeted terrorist attack in Pahalgam, India, on April 22, 2025. Militants affiliated with the banned Pakistani group Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) brutally executed Hindu civilians after verifying their religion. Survivors confirm that attackers demanded religious identification and recitation of Islamic prayers—those who failed or identified as Hindu were killed.

This was not an indiscriminate act of violence—it was a faith-based massacre.

Even more troubling is the response from Pakistani state officials. While the Pakistani Foreign Ministry issued perfunctory condolences, other leaders have simultaneously issued veiled threats toward India and reaffirmed their support for Kashmiri insurgents—the ideological and logistical base for LeT. On April 25, Pakistan’s Senate passed a resolution denying involvement in the attack, while explicitly reaffirming Pakistan’s “unwavering commitment” to Kashmir’s “freedom struggle”—language long used to justify terrorist violence. Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar also warned of a “tit-for-tat kinetic response” should India retaliate.

Despite this, senior Pakistani government figures—some directly tied to these statements—are scheduled to attend the **Pakistan Conference 2025 at Harvard University**. These include Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb and others representing institutions complicit in ideologically or materially enabling religiously motivated terrorism.

Senator Rubio, we respectfully urge you to recommend that the U.S. State Department **revoke the visas** of all Pakistani officials traveling to the United States for this conference. The United States must not host representatives of a state that protects and promotes organizations targeting civilians based on faith.

We are confident that you, a long-standing advocate for human rights and religious freedom, will recognize the importance of standing with victims and upholding America’s moral clarity in the face of terrorism.

Sincerely,

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