

Let Us Grieve, Let Us Pray, Let Us Reflect Pakistan

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1 Disclaimer

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2 Motivation

Yesterday, one of our seasoned community members Nadeem Saqlain (Sorry for mentioning your name without prior approval) mentioned his concerns in a public group. I am not going into detail, but one point **We¹ Are Far Behind Other Nations** essentially draws my attention towards standing of Pakistani community existing in Newfoundland. The question always comes up is **Where do we stand?** and he clocked it.

3 Review

Two years ago, I landed in St. Johns, and I managed to stay with some graduate students from Pakistan. I did not face any trouble while setting up my residence, living, and almost everything. Lets not move this written conversation into my jargon. Genuinely, I observe what we are doing and what we are not paying attention to, what others are doing what we should not copy. We are representing 200 million population, and if my math is not sick, every Pakistani in Newfoundland is more or less representing 1 million Pakistanis. I ran into graduate students elections and experiences dangling connections and poor consolidation, besides our opponents were confident, and not worried about this one side competition. I, with some of the community members, succeed in building pressure on them, and this fiscal year we experienced the impact of the

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Pakistani community in the same elections. Despite the statistical possession, I am trying to uncover the power of recognition and psychological pressure we left in the last elections. Similar happens in city council elections too. It is our responsibility to let others realize Pakistanis exist.

Some of the interesting facts are, we elected the first female prime minister in Muslim countries. We experienced a presidential system, a sole dictatorship, and a completely democratic system within only 72 years of span. Malala awarded with Nobel Peace Prize, and we are struggling for peace. We have hundreds of languages still alive in Pakistan. We were and are the biggest stake of the Peace Keeping Mission around the globe. Case studies have been done on our courier services by Harvard. Nobody has had beaten the Pakistani textile market. Statistics show we are the most prosperous nation in South Asia.

4 Proposition

I want to perpetuate Nadeem's concerns; in fact, some members have similar interests. Yes, we are far behind from other nations, ones aware of their history. I want to mention a few things, and InshAllah, Ill keep saying in successive releases.

- I am thankful to Jabbar's initiative for this community consolidation work. He created a group and motivated the members to help each other.
- I encourage members to participate in their capacity leading us to a recognized and impactful Pakistanis.
- Everyone is struggler, however, please add community assistance in your preference list, even if it is at the bottom.
- Please, try to channelize our energies towards a collective milestone. The best possible way to represent the real influence of Pakistan is to build synergy rather than protecting your localities and languages.
- I would suggest recurring meetups and discussions on current issues and their mitigation. Soon, we would be coming up with something hosting Pakistan Network in Newfoundland.
- Arrange meetings and public talks on historical events and current affairs would be an excellent opportunity for us to expand, empower, and contribute to our society.

5 Conclusion

We are a community; its our choice to be like what we are so far, or make us a society. We should broaden our horizons and think about the connectivity. Such that, whatever the part of the world it is, our harmony belongs to an educated, possessive, powerful, and impactful society. It is our choice to be a community or a society. We are Pakistani; We are Pakistan.