

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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H.E. Ambassador Asad Majeed Khan
The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
3517 International Ct NW
Washington, DC 20008

RE: Daniel Pearl, Supreme Court Ruling

Dear Ambassador Khan,

As you are well aware, we as members of Congress have closely followed the events surrounding the kidnapping and murder of American journalist Daniel Pearl, a constituent of Congressman Brad Sherman.

On Thursday, January 28th, Pakistan's Supreme Court ruled that the four men convicted of kidnapping and murdering American journalist Daniel Pearl, including British national Ahmed Omar Sheikh, shall be set free. Pearl was working for the Wall Street Journal in 2002 when he was kidnapped in the city of Karachi while reporting on Richard Reid, a self-described member of al-Qaeda. We join with the White House in affirming that such a decision is an "affront to terrorism victims everywhere."

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in a statement that the United States is prepared to prosecute Sheikh in the U.S., a position that we strongly support. A statement issued on January 28th by the office of the Attorney General for Pakistan indicates that your government will conduct a full review of the acquittal passed by the Supreme Court. We welcome the decision to file a Review Petition and expect the Pakistani government to expeditiously move to recall the order of acquittal to ensure justice is served.

In the years since the tragic murder of Daniel Pearl, the U.S. and Pakistan have maintained a robust partnership, particularly in the areas of security cooperation, energy, trade, and investment. We look forward to continuing to work with you to advance this relationship.

Nevertheless, in pursuit of justice for Pearl and the countless others who have been murdered by acts of terrorism, it is incumbent upon us to urge you to do your utmost to ensure that the Government of Pakistan conducts a full review of the acquittal in the case of Daniel Pearl.

Sincerely,



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