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United States Ambassador **Anne W. Patterson** and British High Commissioner **Robert Brinkley** were very active until a few days ago and were seen calling on **Benazir Bhutto** and other Pakistani politicians so frequently and pressing them to participate in the dubious election process. Even US Secretary of State **Condoleezza Rice** and Assistant Secretary of State **Richard Boucher** were not far behind. Why all of them are silent now when Benazir Bhutto has been martyred making her **Shaheed-e-Jamhooriyat** in Pakistan ?

We don't expect from them to urge **Musharraf** to quit and hand over the power to the people of Pakistan but they can at least ask the United Nations to hold an investigation into the assassination of the popular leader of Pakistan on the line of the UN probe into the assassination of former Lebanese leader **Rafik Al-Hariri**. Why wouldn't they want justice in this case?

And what about Saudi Ambassador **Ali Awadh Al-Asseri** who had the guts to meet Chief Justice of Pakistan **Iftikhar Mohammad Chaudhry** on Pakistani government's bidding and "invite" him to "perform" Hajj as an official "guest"? Everybody knew what would they have done once Chief Justice had been in the holy land.

Why don't the Saudis invite dictator Musharraf, his associates and officials of intelligence agencies to visit their country? Once there, they can keep them there forever or until new Pakistani government asks for their extradition to face the cases against them under Article 6 of the Constitution and the crimes they have committed against the people and the law of the land.

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