

“The new Pakistani General, he’s just been elected - not elected, this guy took over office” (George W. Bush, 1999)

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In a 1999 TV interview with Andy Hiller on “The new Pakistani General, he’s just been elected - not elected, this guy took over office.), when asked who was the president of Pakistan, George W. Bush had “the name of General Pervez Musharraf on the tip of his tongue, but then allowed his enthusiasm to make him appear to condone the military coup that ousted the elected prime minister, Nawaz Sharif.” (Daily Telegraph, 6 November 1999).

Below is an excerpt of this interview:

Bush: “The new Pakistani General, he’s just been elected - not elected, this guy took over office. It appears this guy is going to bring stability to the country and I think that’s good news for the sub- continent.”

Hiller: “And you can name him?”

Bush: “General. I can name the general.”

Hiller: “And it’s . . . ?”

Bush: “General.”

Hiller: “And the Prime Minister of India?”

Bush: “The new Prime Minister of India is - (pause) No.”

To which George W. Bush retorted with a question to Andy Hiller:

Bush: “Can you name the Foreign Minister of Mexico?”

Hiller: “No sir, but I would say to that, I’m not running for President.”

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