

# BUSH WEST BANK PALESTINE

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Islamabad (April 17, 2004):** Senator Prof. Khurshid Ahmad has condemned the US endorsement of Sharon's plan to annex more than half of the West Bank and deny to Palestinians their right to return to their homeland.

"The shameful endorsement by President Bush and Prime Minister Tony Blair of Ariel Sharon's terrorist plan to annex more than half of the West Bank in Gaza and deny to the Palestinians their right to return to their homeland is a worst form of legitimizing imperialism and terrorism," he said.

It is ridiculous that Sharon, who is the perpetrator of massacre in Sabra and Shatila and is continuing his brutality in occupied Palestine, has come up with a so-called Israeli-Palestinian peace plan, he said and noted that "this is tantamount to theft of Palestinian land by the Israeli colonial settlers and an end to the UN Security Council Resolution 242 and whatever peace plan were pursued after that."

While Bush and Blair have endorsed and tried to legitimize this usurpation, occupation and terrorism of the Sharon regime, it is unfortunate that the entire Arab and Islamic world is sleeping against this heinous crime against the innocent people of Palestine, Professor Khurshid said.

"It is extremely disappointing that Pakistan government has kept mum on this issue, perhaps to appease its American masters," he observed and maintained that Pakistani nation condemns this Sharon-Bush-Blair offensive against its Palestinian brethren. The people of Pakistan demand that their government must "publicly and vehemently" protest against it.

"If Pakistan and OIC cannot condemn and take effective action to check this Israeli and Anglo-American terrorism against the people of Palestine at such a crucial time as the present one, I do not know when their conscious would awaken and when they would show loyalty to Muslim people and their aspirations!" Professor Khurshid Ahmad exclaimed.

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