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Islamabad (May 24, 2006): Senator Professor Khurshid Ahmad, while talking to the Press stated that there can be no two opinions about the serious threat the India US Nuclear Agreement poses to Pakistan and the entire Asian Region. "Pakistan Government", Prof. Khurshid Ahmad said, "has failed to pre-empt this development and is again miserably failing to criticize and contain this agreement which is presently before the American Congress."

Prof. Khurshid Ahmad stressed: Our foreign policy is in shambles. Those responsible are talking in contradictory terms on this issue. Their initial reaction was apologetic. Then the Foreign Minister and even General Pervaiz Musharraf expressed serious concern over India US Nuclear Agreement. Some statements of the Foreign Minister were firm; but the President and now the Prime Minister has come out with statements that are shameful and against vital interest of Pakistan.

Prof. Khurshid Ahmad referred to Mr. Shaukat Aziz's reported statement at the Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad, the other day, dismissing the Indo-US Agreement as having "nothing evil" and said, "To dismiss a development having a direct bearing on Pakistan's security as nothing evil is really alarming."

He concluded: "While this Government has failed to offer an equal and effective reaction, it seems this leadership has totally surrendered to American threats and was acting as an accomplice instead of protecting the vital interests of Pakistan."
