

USA GUNSHIP VIOLATION OF PAKISTAN'S AIR SPACE

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Islamabad (May 9, 2006): Senator Professor Khurshid Ahmad has strongly condemned recent US' Gunship violations of Pakistani's airspace in Angoor Adda that also resulted in injuring 3 mine workers while 8 others are missing.

Prof. Khurshid Ahmad said that the US intrusion into the Pakistani territory followed the outburst of the US State Department Coordinator Henry Crumpton that Pakistan not done enough and that "not only Al-Qaeda but Taliban leadership are primarily in Pakistan and the Pakistanis know that". The remarks of the US official were uncalled for and reprehensible and the gunships' intrusion a most wanton violation of our sovereignty, the Senator stressed.

He noted that the weak stand of the Pakistan government on the US attack on Bajor early this year had emboldened the US "to attack Pakistan with impunity". "Where are the teeth General Musharraf talked about in his interview to the Guardian only the other day, or what passes as government under him has submitted to behave like a 'poodle'?" Prof. Khurshid Ahmad asked.

Saying that Pakistani nation will never tolerate such violations of our sovereignty, he urged that the people and the Parliament must rise to the occasion and say loud "No" to the US bullying tactics. "Our foreign policy vis-à-vis the US needs immediate thorough revision," he said. "This is the only way to face the imperialistic and hegemonic designs of the so-called sole superpower that is out to make a mockery of all international laws and norms of decency."

Prof. Khurshid felt the need to develop collective security zone in the region for which "China, Iran and other countries should join hands."
