

HAMARE-HI-LAHOO SE  
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## P R E F A C E

My book, "EXCAVATION OF TRUTH—UNSUNG HEROES OF 1857 WAR OF INDEPENDENCE" was published and released on 10<sup>th</sup>. of May , 2007. The said book basically dealt with the Role of Muslims of India in the Independence movement of the country during 19<sup>th</sup>. Century. The theme of the book was the martyrdom of Maulvi Pir Ali Khan of my village for the Nation i.e. India.

The issue pertaining to the biased projection by Print as well as Electronic Media of the country about Muslims, particularly of my home district Azamgarh has been a constant irritant for me, since the publication of an article in Hindustan Times –New Delhi in 1998 which was challenged by me by an article written in 1999 and was published by 'NEWS AGE' a magazine of U.S.A. of the Indian news papers and journals did not publish the same.

There after I wrote many articles on the subject, some of them were published some remained un-published. After the publication of my book referred to above I had the opportunity to read papers at Patna, Allahabad and Rampur on the freedom movement of 1857.

Some times back I happen to read the book written by Mr. S.S.Gill with the title of "Islam and the Muslims of India:" published by 'Penguin' in 2008. It is another thing whether I am in total agreement with the views of Mr. Gill or not, the following observations of Mr. Gill gave me the idea to consolidate my articles which are basically dealing with the communalism and the blame thrust upon the Muslims for the Partition of the country and the role of Media which is always biased against the Muslims. I quote hereunder from chapter one of Mr. S.S.Gills book for the readers to understand the basic reasons as to why this book?

**"In India where relations between its two major communities the Hindus and the Muslims, are plagued by bitter memories as well as some sharp cultural differences. It is truly amazing how little these two communities understand each other , and how much their perceptions are coloured by prejudice and distrust despite having lived together for centuries. Over the ages, numerous social reformers have preached the lesson of mutual harmony, but with little success. The biased projection of Islam by the West adds to the difficulty in fostering mutual understanding. The predominantly Christian West and Muslim countries have a long history of conflict and the recent rise of Al-Qaeda has provided Western media more ammunition to demonize Islam.**

**There is now an imperative need for other religions of India to approach Islam with an open mind and make a sincere effort to understand its sprit. The popular view that Islam preaches hate and violence and was spread by sword must be countered. There is need to explore Islam with an unbiased mind, uncluttered by preconceived notions."**

My articles included in this book basically deal with the above ideas of Mr. S.S. Gill that ,” there is need to explore Islam with an unbiased mind,” and that Muslims of India never behaved in non-nationalist manner and every inch of India is soiled with the blood of Muslims, be it those who came in India from other countries or those out of Aryan races as well original inhabitants adopted Islam as their religion.

Besides the above, I being in film Industry since 1960 and remaining associated with top Producers starting with Late Mehboob R. Khan and ending with Late Tarachand Barjatya and also remained involved in the Associations of Producers as well as Film Distributors used to write articles which were published in various trade papers and Magazines out of which two articles one on Late Mehboob Khan and other on the present state of the Film Industry has been included in this book.

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**Dedicated to:-**

**All innocent victims of terrorism committed by human shaped beasts.**

**All those innocent who are eliminated and implicated falsely for the crime they never committed.**

**And  
THE HONEST , BRAVE, NATIONALIST  
SHAHEED-E-WATAN HEMANT KARKARE.**

**With love to my stead fast companion**

**SARWAT  
AND  
OUR GRAND CHILDREN**



**Varisha**



**Iris**



**Yusra**