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# War on Terror by Reluctant Fighters

**Chaudry Ali**

Former Pakistani judge

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For over twenty-five years, Chaudry Ali was a judge in Pakistan, with total commitment to rule of law. In 1997, Ali was appointed by the government, on the basis of his past performance and integrity, as the judge over Anti-Narcotics and Suppression of Terrorist Activities. (The Anti-Narcotics Force of Pakistan is funded by the U.S. Government and works with the DEA.) For the first time in the history of Pakistan, he began to make capital punishment rulings against drug lords and terrorists. Despite death threats from drug lords, terrorists, and some government officials, Ali followed his conscience and dictates of the law, continuing to issue these rulings as the situation deteriorated with the passage of time and judges, lawyers, and civil society demonstrated their will to stand against the law. In September 2006, he and his family were forced to flee Pakistan, leaving their belongings and property behind. They were granted asylum in the U.S. in October 2007. Ali is currently pursuing a JD in the S.J. Quinney Law School at the University of Utah.