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The Transformation in Pakistan

His Excellency

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Husain Haqqani has had a distinguished career in government, journalism, and education. In government, Haqqani served as chairman of the House Building Finance Corp. (1995–96), spokesman to Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and federal secretary for information and broadcasting (1993–95), Pakistani ambassador to Sri Lanka (1992–93), special assistant and principal spokesman for Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif (1990–92), and special assistant to Prime Minister Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi in 1990. He has also worked in the parliamentary election campaign for the Peoples Democratic Front party led by Benazir Bhutto (1993) and the campaign for the IJI alliance led by Nawaz Sharif (1988). Since 2004, Haqqani has been an associate professor for international relations at Boston University, co-chair of the Project on Islam and Democracy at the Hudson Institute in Washington, and editor of the journal *Current Trends in Islamists Ideology*. Among his numerous writing credits are *Pakistan Between Mosque and Military* for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (2005), “Islam’s Medieval Outposts” for *Foreign Policy* (2003), and “The Role of Islam in Pakistan’s Future” for *Washington Quarterly* (2004–05). His op-eds and articles have appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Financial Times* in London, and *Le Monde*. In the early 1980s, he covered the war in Afghanistan for Voice of America radio, served as the Pakistan and Afghanistan correspondent for *Far Eastern Economic Review*, and worked in Hong Kong as the East Asian correspondent for the London-based *Arabia—the Islamic World Review*. He has appeared regularly on network and cable news shows commenting on Pakistan, Afghanistan, South Asian affairs, and Islamic politics and radicalism. Haqqani received bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Karachi.

