

## Letters to the Editor

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### Muslims too silent about Mumbai

Vengeful militancy has struck the humanity again, this time the target being Mumbai (Bombay) - India's financial capital.

The well-choreographed and consummately executed mayhem has left more than 175 people dead, painting Islam as a monster religion hell-bent on destroying the globe.

While the world watched in total disbelief the swift unfolding of ruthlessness on train stations, a Jewish center, hotels and restaurants, I was longing for the faintest sign of protest from the global Muslim community. Alas, there was none, not even an imperceptible murmur. The silence of my fellow Muslims at the latest human tragedy is petrifying, equivalent to collusion and has left me angry and disillusioned.

The types of weapons and the communication networks used in the latest attack signals a heightened level of sophistication attained by relatively young people.

Contrary to the vehement denial by the governments and society elders in Muslim lands, this proves that some sections of Muslim youth are on the path of destruction - self and otherwise. Al-Qaeda might have been weakened, but apparently it has been slowly but steadily succeeding in poisoning the minds of young Muslims. This supply chain must be cut at the very central artery.

Never mind the acquired material and technical sophistication by the promoters and profiteers of the so-called War on Terror, no coalition of the willing, no unmanned drones and no cells at Guantanamo will be able to destroy or deter the new crop of fighters. Why? Because, there is no benignity about this cancer within Muslims and Muslims alone should destroy it.

It is time that every porous passage from Algeria, Egypt, and Morocco to Spain, Afghanistan, and Pakistan is permanently sealed, caves are blown, supply of food and fuel is cut, mules are slaughtered, and their blood is used to inscribe: *Terrorists rot in hell!*

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