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Laden of financially and militarily supporting an ethnic cleansing in Afghanistan in collaboration with Taliban. Arab countries in North Africa especially Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco, Libya, Egypt and almost all other Arab countries have been annoyed for the high profile of Osama bin Laden first in Pakistan and later in Afghanistan especially, when he publicly claims that he trains Arab fundamentalists to overthrow most of Arab regimes in the Middle East. Only recently, the US and British media accused bin Laden of involvement in drug trafficking. In this regard the London-based English daily The Observer wrote that Osama bin Laden is using heroin as a powerful new weapon in his war with the West.

It claims that bin Laden approached, through intermediaries, major opium and heroin dealers and big landowners in opium-growing districts of Afghanistan and offered to buy all the opium they grow (Jason Burke, The Observer, December 6, 1998.) Clearly, charges against Osama bin Laden are huge and serious. They include involvement in terrorism, ethnic cleansing, conspiracy to disturb the balance of power in Arabia and drug trafficking. For Pakistan, he is a disaster. He spoiled Pak relations with almost every nation including with traditional allies like Saudi Arabia, Iran and Arab countries - mainly secular and moderate regimes having no quarrel with Pakistan. He has also annoyed Central Asian Republics, China, the United States, Russia and India. In fact, no country whether regional or global is having any sympathy with Bin Laden. Only Afghanistan and Pakistan have been protecting him. Thus, it is a matter of surprise to notice the indifferent attitude of the foreign policy decision-makers towards the damage that Osama bin Laden caused to Pakistan and its reputation. /***** BEGINNING OF

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