

Witness Biography: *International Court of Justice*
Muddassir Rizvi
Freelance Pakistani Journalist

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Background:

Muddassir Rizvi is a Pakistani freelance journalist and a commentator for the Pacific News Service based in Islamabad; he writes for local and international publications, particularly on development issues. He has reported extensively on the territorial dispute over Kashmir, and the evolving relations between India and Pakistan. He is OTN's coordinator in Islamabad and worked tirelessly after Sept 11, 2001 to help ordinary Afghans and Pakistanis tell their stories to a world audience. Crucial to its coverage of the current war, Muddassir Rizvi helps to channel diaries in from people who are not on the net and can't speak English. He is also an Islamabad correspondent for IPS. IPS, civil society's leading news agency, is an independent voice from the South and for development, delving into globalization for the stories underneath.

His views:

His editorials tend to reflect Pakistani views, although he has not hesitated to criticize his own government in the past, especially on human rights. His writings tend to be cynical of true progress on the issue, and are also critical of foreign intervention from the United States.

What he adds to the case:

Mr. Rizvi is knowledgeable on Pakistan's relations with other nations in the Middle East as well as the perception of the Kashmir problem as held by government officials and Pakistani citizens.

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