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**Subject:** Message from Hina Rabbani Khar

Madam Secretary:

Hello from Islamabad. I had a good sit-down with FM Khar who asked me to directly share her appreciation for your strong statement regarding Malala Yousafazi.

The clerics have a choice at Friday prayers --- do they speak out against the Taliban and violence against a 14 year-old girl, or do focus on producing another round of protests against the USA? Important choice.

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