

Dated : 21st March 2020

Mr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar  
Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs of India  
Govt of India, New Delhi.

Sub. : Humanitarian Cause – SOS

Dear Mr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar,

Greetings!

At the outset, I like to congratulate the Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Aviation, Ministry of Defence and the Government of India under the leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi to have initiated timely and effective measures in combating COVID-19 and Hon'ble Prime Minister's intention of protecting not only the citizens of our country but also with a spirit and a vision by having a timely video-conference of all the SAARC Nations for effective coordination and taking all measures to curb the spread of COVID-19 cross-borders and also interacting with the international community of the world on humanitarian grounds to curb the growth of COVID-19 is commendable!

Every little effort by every citizen of the world could help in a big way to bring this pandemic situation in control. In my humble capacity as a film producer, director, actor and a businessman I have all along my life contributed in the field of art and culture and also doing my bit in nation-building and always voiced my humble opinion in spirit and letter to the leadership of the governments of the day over several decades and have personally interacted with the former Prime Ministers, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, Mr Chandra Shekhar, Mr P. V. Narasimha Rao and Dr Manmohan Singh and overtly expressed my humble views towards nation-building and my humble views regarding foreign policy in the interest of our country.

It is with this spirit, I take the liberty of addressing this letter to you to reflect my humble views for the humanitarian cause so that your ministry could take up a good cause on humanitarian grounds under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, a matter pertaining to influencing the leadership of the world and the international corridors of power to support oppressed and suppressed countries severely hit by COVID-19 where food, medicines and life-saving equipment is being deprived.



India has the stature of being the largest democracy of the world with 1.35 billion voices and is one of the few superpowers of the world that is known for its rich cultural and historical importance dating back to 6000 years BC. The voice of India can surely influence the leadership of the world and the international community in protecting the humanitarian cause of countries that are unjustly victimised by bullying nations.

Iran which is another great country with its civilization rooted back to almost 7000 years BC that also speaks of very rich history and cultural heritage and has always been a great friend of India and stood by India over the decades for socio-political, cultural and economic cooperation unflinchingly.

India and Iran can have a great future for mutual economic cooperation which is unfortunately fallen back from being a buoyant trade exchange of \$17 billion annually dwindling down to almost \$3 billion presently. A prudent foreign policy, if in place could double the potentials of trade between India and Iran that could mutually benefit the sagging economy of both the countries, if worked closely together besides the geographical political and cultural relationship it has always enjoyed and with the cooperation of these great nations, a great balance in this region could be envisaged for a happy, peaceful coexistence of countries of South-East and South-West Asia.

Today unfortunately Iran is one of the hardest-hit countries by COVID-19 and to make matters worse Iran is confronted with the restrictions unjustly imposed by the United States, making Iran the most intensely sanctioned country in the world, not in the line with the United Nation's decision but contrary to them.

Unfortunately, due to restrictions unjustly imposed on Iran by the United States government and the economic siege imposed on Iran impedes all legitimate trade that deprives the suffering people of Iran of using their own resources in availing the necessary needs of their people including health and the livelihoods making it virtually impossible for them to even buy medicines and life-saving medical equipment. As I am sure you are aware that many companies and countries who officially opposed these sanctions have been coerced to the design of unfair U.S. sanctions in total disregard of humanitarian values.



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As India has always lived by the spirit of the Great Mahatma Gandhi known for his fight against injustice to humanity and stood for equality of all human race and who has been the champion of non-violence which is the call of the day. Our country with this spirit over the decades has always extended humanitarian consideration for the suppressed nations of the world and always supported the doctrine of peaceful coexistence between all countries of the world.

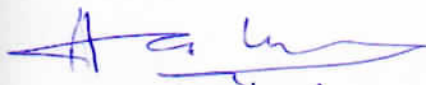
It would be a great gesture on part of India to extend all possible support to Iran on humanitarian grounds and take Iran's cause to influence the leadership of the world to adopt multilateral international cooperation to give immediate relief enabling the people of Iran to import food, medicine and life-saving equipment by reversing restrictions unjustly imposed upon Iran.

Lastly, I had the pleasure of a personal meeting with Mr Amit Shah, the former president of BJP in July' 2018 and in this meeting I had handed a note to him (copy enclosed) in my humble capacity as a citizen of India, my humble views towards nation-building, which is self-explanatory.

I am also herewith enclosing a [brief profile](#) (please click here to access) and [group activities](#) (please click here to access) for your kind perusal.

I look forward to meeting you in Delhi in the near future with a prior appointment as per your convenience.

Warmest regards,



Akbar Khan

- Cc : 1) Shri Ravi Kumar Arora - PS to EAM  
2) Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla - Foreign Secretary of India  
3) Shri Deepak Mittal, JS (PAI)  
3) Shri Gaddam Dharmendra - Ambassador of India to Islamic Republic of Iran