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How Saif Ali Khan's great grandfather tried to merge Bhopal in Pakistan: [Thread]

Saif's great grandfather was the Nawab of Bhopal.

He was a staunch supporter of Pakistan & Jinnah. He governed Bhopal by Sharia.

He wrote a letter inviting King of Afghanistan to invade India.

August 2 1947: Saif Ali Khan's great grandfather, Nawab of Bhopal wrote a letter to Jinnah.

He clearly states

"I am a staunch supporter of Pakistan. I want to merge Bhopal in Pakistan. Hindus are untrustworthy.

But Bhopal is 80% Hindu and surrounded by India. I am cut off"

He further says

"Hindus are intimidating me to join India. I know Pakistan has no means of helping me. But I want to know how much Pakistan can help me.

I would never sign and join India, come what might . I will continue to serve Pakistan and Islam!"

In other words, Saif Ali Khan's family tried everything in their power to merge Bhopal in Pakistan. But as Bhopal was in the center of India, neither Jinnah nor Nawab had military means to resist India. Had Bhopal been a frontier kingdom, it would have been a part of Pakistan!

Source of the snippets: Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah Papers. From Jinnah's letter collection in Lucknow AIML office. Digitized and published in 1994-95 by Government of Pakistan and recommended for inclusion in Memory of World Register