

## **USHA Welcomes Pentagon's Decision to Cancel Military Aid to Pakistan**

September 3, 2018 - Atlanta, GA: The United States Hindu Alliance (USHA) welcomes Pentagon's decision to cancel military aid to Pakistan yesterday.

On September 2, 2018, Pentagon Spokesman, Lt. Col Kone Faulkner, announced the cancellation of a \$300 million military aid package to Pakistan due to its failure to curb various terror outfits operating out of Pakistani territory. The Trump administration, in recent months, has been monitoring Pakistan's commitment to counter terrorism with greater vigor than any previous administration and had taken several measures to send a strong message to the Pakistani leadership.

USHA has been consistent in its appeal to the US government to deny aid to Pakistan, which is known around the world as the epicenter of terrorism and radical Islam. Hence, this decision will be welcomed by all peace loving people in the world.

"We hope that the new government in Pakistan, led by Prime Minister Imran Khan, will respect global sentiments and act fast to uproot terror networks within its territory", said Praveen Sharma, General Secretary of USHA. We urge the Secretary of State to impress upon Pakistan's new leadership that terrorism and religious persecution should not be used as state policies for furthering political and strategic objectives, he added.