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PRIME MINISTER,
INDIA.



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New Delhi,
January 21, 1949.

My Dear Vallabhbhai .

Your letter of the 17th January about a certain poem which the Saudi Arabian Minister recited in Karachi. We have no Consul General in Saudi Arabia. We have only a Consul at Jedda for the pilgrims. His status is not high enough to take any such action. We are, however, communicating with our Ambassador in Cairo to register our protest with the Saudi Arabian Government through their Ambassador in Cairo. We are also asking our High Commissioner in Karachi to inform the Saudi Arabian Minister there of the action we are taking.

Very
Yours
Jawahar

The Hon'ble
Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,
c/o His Highness the Maharaja of Jamnagar,
Jamnagar.

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Camp: Bardoli,
17th January 1949.

My dear Jawaharlal,

You must have seen Kripalani's report from Karachi dated the 15th January 1949. In that report he has referred to an extempore poem recited by the Saudi Arabian Minister Plenipotentiary. It appears that he called the Kashmir war a Jihad and drew a very objectionable analogy between the fight in Kashmir and the battle of Badr. I feel that this misbehaviour should be brought to the notice of the Saudi Arabian authorities through our Consul General.

Yours sincerely,

The Honorable
Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru,
Prime Minister,
New Delhi.