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### **The Perspective From Saudi Arabia**

I was involved with fund generation for klwt in Saudi Arabia. Presently I am stationed in Taif. Want to share my thoughts with you. Actually if you see it from a totally different perspective then this disaster has proved to be a testosterone shot for Pakistani nation and nationalism. I have been living here for the last four years. Unfortunately, I had developed a very poor opinion of Pakistanis living here “as a group” or as a “nation”. Petty politics, regionalism etc, etc., never were Pakistanis here known to be a united. I used to always say that as far as “nationalism” is concerned we lag much, much behind the Indians. BUT this earthquake has completely transformed the same people. It has brought the best in them. Something that I feel very proud of. I can now stand tall. I can tell the world now that YES WE ARE A NATION!

PS: the most touching moment for me was when Indians (not Kashmiris) contributed to the klwt fund without even me asking them! The message is that many “humans” live on the other side also.