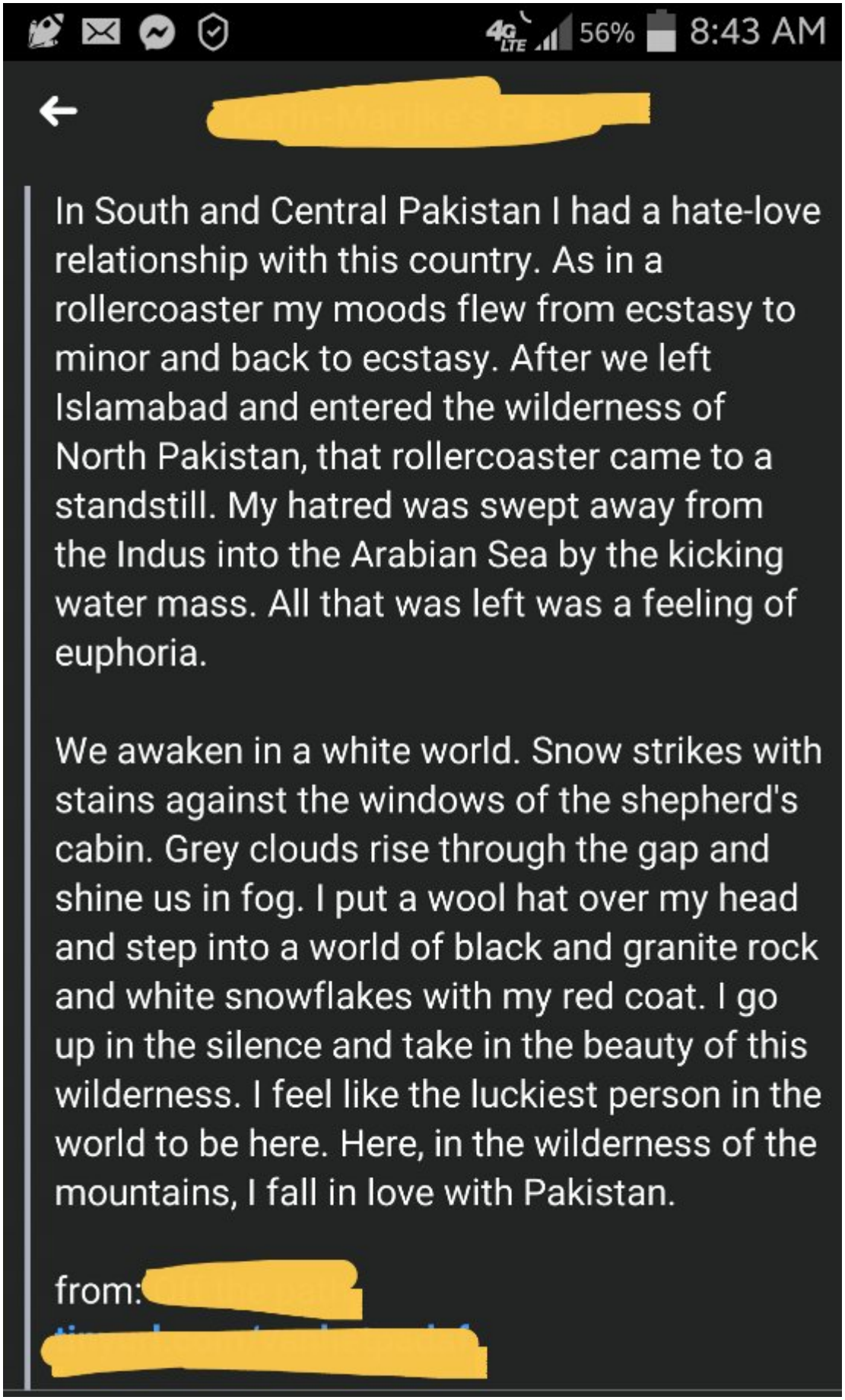
Twitter Thread by ■ #BernardGrua trying sectarian fight in Pakistan



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Behind our backs, world travelers are using Pakistan's unfrequented North as a pretty comfort couch while badmouthing & resenting the rest of Pakistan... without going in depth about our crises and issues that require an extensive attention and compassionate intersectional look.



So I called this kind lady traveler out. The casual disregard that the hedonistic, escape-seeking mostly-Western travelers flick towards "South Pakistan" is chilling in its disrespect and almost unintentional but certain cruel outcome. (See next).
CC: @samirashackle



Rmala Aalam

Yes. This is also why we ask travelers to not define our country for us as they are recently doing... stealing, overriding, mocking and abusing our narratives. We feel all these ups and downs... we know what it is like to be here.

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Rmala Aalam I think it's a healthy part of life, nobody is forever in a good mood or bad mood. Having said that, some countries in my travels bring out stronger emotions than other do. And that isn't necessarily better or worse than not having those extreme emotions. It's tough to be in a very low mood but it's exhilirating to be in high spirits.

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only, that is is a place of great complexity and challenges. These days we have people like Eva Zu Beck who paints areas such as Balochistan a place where women can run around. Another lady rides a bike in Peshawar. All are trying to force a version of bliss.

It is not bliss and we need to work out our problems. So I actually like and agree with the "ups and lows" bit, it is real and it deserves more explanation and exploration. I like how for instance in India there are people who have gone and lived in slums for an experience... and there is slum tourism now. We need more such intense and dark and complex tourism which I actually call "development tourism" because it is able to see the highs and lows as a work in

Travelers who are causing a schism between "North and South Pakistan" are doing great disservice to "both", AND objectifying the people of the North by forcing them to act as prize catches in a trophy hunt.

One byproduct of this "playing favorites" in the house of Pakistan by our honorable guests who often enjoy near complete laissez-faire as the colonial-minded us sit around is the entrapment of mountain people in the objectified hero roles... and it prevents them from having

presenting and solving their human issues.... which ALL of us have. A scanning of White narratives shows the Whites exchanging whispers and rumors that soldify this hypothetical divide; a quiet reinforcement of prejudices and bias whereas the 'hero' North is also all-too-human.

North Pakistan has severe problems of unemployment, drugs, suicide, depression and now also rape & murder & pedophilia. All sorts of depravity is on the rise. But you cannot speak openly about it as either Northern-or-elsewhere Pakistani.

It upsets some people's #tourism plans.

Fuck #tourism.
Take care of true, wholistic, authentic, engaged #development first... and prosperity will come.

What do you want, after all? Mindless footfall in ecologically sensitive regions... or prosperity?

Make prosperity the endgame!

Running around to earn Pakistan money in the short-term by compromising and shortselling the long-term development of our people is cowardice, prostitution, a sell-out.

And SHAME too on those Pakistanis from across Pakistan, esp the hedonistic-nihilistic urban centers, who are ALSO using our sensitive ecological areas as just-pretty backgrounds for vain and hellacious Instagram and TikTok productions. This is not your ego's studio and bazaar! ■

Don't turn these areas into bloody prostitution-and-drug-dealing centers!! ■■■

((Same issues apparently erupting across the border in India and elsewhere in #SAARC such #Bhutan. TOGETHER we need to battle this insanity and plundering.))

Tech giants are banning so much right now. If today they make Internet text-only, this wholescale degradation and RAPE of Earth's natural resources, exploitation of its indigenous and ALL people, spin of true narratives will HALT to a huge degree!!

#MakeInternetPhotoFreeAgain

Or whatever. Salaam.
Rant over. For now.

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