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## Where would (or could) Musharraf go?

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Saudi Arabia, Turkey or Boston?

Prince Mugrin bin Abdulaziz, of Re'asat Al Istikhabarat Al A'amah or General Intelligence Presidence (GIP), Saudi Arabia's premier intelligence outfit, is willing to offer safe custody to Musharraf but no more. Tayyip Erdogan, the one-time Mayor of Greater Istanbul, is in no mood to attract Al-Qaeda to Anatolia. In Islamabad, the American

Ambassador, the very face of American awe in this country, is trying to secure security for Uncle Sam's most supple of nephews. Mark Lyall Grant, the grandson of Sir Lyall (Lyallpur was named after this lieutenant-governor), is also trying to ignite his long-lost colonial sway.

To be certain, Islamabad's suburb of Chak Shahzad isn't secure to secure a mortal with a thousand suicidal foes (Musharraf has been building a chateau in Chak Shahzad but it isn't ready yet).

Living on the coast of the Red Sea would be safe, sound and secure. After all, Saudi Arabia has hosted the exiles of many Muslim oppressors. But, Jeddah's Saroor Palace is haunted by the spirit of you know who. Then there is the climate issue; Jeddah is very hot in winter and extremely hot in summer. Then there is the lifestyle issue; the *wahabi* state may just be too restrictive, too conservative for the Musharrafs.

Living right next to the Bosphorus Strait would be fun as well as festive. How exciting, Istanbul is the only major city in the whole wide world which is on two continents. It has a Mediterranean climate and lifestyle won't be an issue. Istanbul has night life, live concerts, rave parties, jazz, cocktails, fandango and the whole lot. But, Tayyip Erdogan is reluctant and too afraid that Musharraf's presence might attract too many suicidal Islamists back to the final seat of the Islamic Caliphate.

The capital city of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts would be nice and cozy. Surely, Ambassador Haqqani won't travel 393 miles to

be in the arrival lounge at the Logan International Airport but his son Bilal and his daughter Iram and their kids would be. Bilal's two-bedroom flat in Canton isn't big enough to hold a Boston Tea Party but then the guest list has shrunk since the day Chief Justice Iftikhar Chaudhry (de jure) was made dysfunctional.

Barry Hoffman, Consul General at Consulate General of Pakistan, won't be attending either.

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Then there's London, Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Paris.

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