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Nikki Haley made the comments last week while giving an interview to The Atlantic. “We don’t need to be giving money to countries that go behind our back and try and stop us from doing things.”

“Don’t we need to be giving money to those that don’t want to be our partners, because there’s a lot of countries that don’t want to be our partners, and we just need to be smart about it” said Haley, the first Indian-American appointed to a Cabinet position in any US presidential administration.

The one example I’ll give you is, look at Pakistan. Giving them over a billion dollars, and they continue to “harbor” terrorists that turn around and kill our soldiers—that’s never okay. “We shouldn’t even give them a dollar until they correct it. Use the billion dollars. That’s not a small amount of change. Tell them, “You have to do these things before we will start to help you with your military or start to help you on counterterrorism. It’s those types of things that you really want to kind of look at,” she added.

Earlier this week, Pakistan’s Prime Minister Imran Khan had said that his country would not be a “hired gun” of the US. “We would never want to have a relationship where Pakistan is treated like a hired gun -- given money to fight someone else’s war. We should never put ourselves in this position again. We’re not only as human beings, the for- estation of areas bordering Afghanistan, but it also costs our dignity. We would like a proper relationship with the US,” he told the Washington Post. “Like the US, Pakistan too seeks peace in Afghanistan which is in its interest as well,” he added.

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“While Afghanistan has achieved much in human rights, the challenges remain daunting, especially as a result of the ongoing armed conflict,” said the UN rapporteur. “We continue to call for an end to violence against women and girls,” she added.

She called on the parties “to step up their efforts to protect, promote and ensure respect for, and enjoyment of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, especially women and girls.”

The world body also welcomed the 16 days campaign to end gender-based violence which got underway Wednesday, Pakistan’s capital, when the Ministry of Narcotics Control the state-run radio reported.

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