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# H. R. 2311

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. PANETTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To authorize the imposition of sanctions with respect to certain foreign persons who have knowingly engaged in the wrongful persecution and imprisonment of political opponents in Pakistan, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Pakistan Democracy  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

2 It is the policy of the United States to support a  
3 democratic Pakistan, including free and fair elections, that  
4 is based upon civilian rule, restoration of judicial inde-  
5 pendence, rule of law, human rights, and due process of  
6 law for all of the people of Pakistan.

7 **SEC. 3. DETERMINATION REGARDING GENERAL ASIM**  
8 **MUNIR.**

9 (a) **SANCTIONS.**—Not later than 180 days after the  
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,  
11 acting in conjunction with the Secretary of the Treasury,  
12 shall impose sanctions on General Asim Munir, Chief of  
13 Army Staff of Pakistan, the Global Magnitsky Human  
14 Rights Accountability Act (22 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.).

15 (b) **WAIVER.**—The President may waive subsection  
16 (a) if the President certifies to the House Committee on  
17 Foreign Affairs, and the Senate Committee on Foreign  
18 Relations that—

19 (1) military rule has ended in Pakistan and rule  
20 of law and civilian-led democracy has been restored;  
21 and

22 (2) all wrongfully detained political detainees  
23 have been released from detention.

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF SANCTIONS.**

2 (a) INADMISSIBILITY OF OFFICIALS AND INDIVID-  
3 UALS INVOLVED IN THE WRONGFUL PERSECUTION AND  
4 IMPRISONMENT OF IMRAN KHAN.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
7 President shall identify key individuals who are  
8 knowingly engaged the wrongful persecution and im-  
9 prisonment of political detainees in Pakistan includ-  
10 ing but not limited to former Prime Minister Imran  
11 Khan or significantly undermined democracy and  
12 furthered military rule for the people of Pakistan in-  
13 cluding—

14 (A) such individuals who have served as a  
15 member of the Government or military of Paki-  
16 stan; and

17 (B) such individuals who are serving as an  
18 official in a leadership position working on be-  
19 half of the Government or military of Pakistan,  
20 including law enforcement, intelligence, judicial,  
21 or local or municipal government.

22 (2) INELIGIBILITY FOR VISAS, ADMISSION, OR  
23 PAROLE.—

24 (A) VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—An  
25 alien with respect to which the President has

made an affirmative decision under paragraph

(1) shall be—

(i) inadmissible to the United States;

(ii) ineligible to receive a visa or other documentation to enter the United States; and

(iii) otherwise ineligible to be admitted or paroled into the United States or to receive any other benefit under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

(B) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The visa or other entry documentation of any alien described in paragraph (1) is subject to revocation regardless of the issue date of the visa or other entry documentation.

(ii) IMMEDIATE EFFECT.—A revocation under subclause (I) shall, in accordance with section 221(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(i)) take effect immediately, and cancel any other valid visa or entry documentation that is in the possession of the alien.

1           (3) BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days after  
2           the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
3           of State shall brief the appropriate committees of  
4           Congress with respect to—

5                   (A) any foreign person with respect to  
6                   which the President has made an affirmative  
7                   determination under paragraph (1); and

8                   (B) the specific facts that justify each such  
9                   affirmative determination.

10          (4) WAIVER.—The President may waive imposi-  
11          tion of sanctions under this subsection on a case-by-  
12          case basis if the President determines and certifies  
13          to the appropriate committees of Congress that—

14                   (A) such waiver would serve national inter-  
15                   ests; or

16                   (B) the circumstances which caused the in-  
17                   dividual to be ineligible have sufficiently  
18                   changed.

19          (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20                   (1) ADMISSION; ADMITTED; ALIEN.—The terms  
21                   “admission”, “admitted”, and “alien” have the  
22                   meanings given such terms in section 101 of the Im-  
23                   migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101).

1           (2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-  
2       GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-  
3       gress” means—

4           (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the  
5       Committee on the Judiciary, and the Com-  
6       mittee on Financial Services of the House of  
7       Representatives; and

8           (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations,  
9       the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Com-  
10      mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
11      of the Senate.

12          (3) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term “foreign per-  
13      son” means any individual that is not a United  
14      States person.

15          (4) IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS.—The term  
16      “immediate family members” has the meaning given  
17      the term “immediate relatives” in section  
18      1151(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality  
19      Act (8 U.S.C. 1151(b)(2)(A)(i)).

20          (5) KNOWINGLY.—The term “knowingly”, with  
21      respect to conduct, a circumstance, or a result,  
22      means that a person has actual knowledge, or should  
23      have known, of the conduct, the circumstance, or the  
24      result.

1           (6) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term  
2           “United States person” means—

3                   (A) a United States citizen or an alien law-  
4                   fully admitted for permanent residence to the  
5                   United States; or

6                   (B) any person within the United States.

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