Indian and Pakistani journalists are writing relatively freely across the borders today in each other's newspapers and journals, which is a saving grace in the otherwise troubled ties between the sullen neighbors. Indian journalist Jawed Naqvi began a refreshing trend two decades ago by starting a weekly column for Pakistan's Dawn newspaper, one of South Asia's more liberal dailies. Previously, he was correspondent for Reuters in Delhi when he travelled to cover armed revolts in Kashmir and Jaffna. He was news editor of The Khaleej Times during a stretch in Dubai when he covered the Iran-Iraq war from the border, and reported the 1990s Gulf War from Iraq and Jordan for The Economic Times of Delhi. He has contributed to two books on communalism and state, including The Public Intellectuals in India, edited by Romila Thapar. His columns for Dawn are routinely reproduced by Indian newspapers though they never approached him or the paper for permission.

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