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DHS Again Corrects Media, Democratic Lie About Illegal Alien

Yet again, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has corrected far-left media propaganda about the arrest of an illegal alien, this one a Pakistani “fraudster” who might well be headed back home where he belongs.

The *Seattle Times* published the usual eyewash about the arrest of “U.S. veteran” Muhammad Zahid Chaudhry, complete, of course, with a photo of the put-upon patriot and his family.

Far-left Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell chimed in as well about his “lawful steps” to get citizenship.



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Muhammad Chaudhry

The problem: He’s a liar, a thief, and a forger, [DHS reports](#).

The Chaudhry yarn is just the latest that DHS has had to waste valuable resources to correct.

.[@MayorofSeattle](#), why are you issuing a statement in defense of a criminal global fraudster?

□ Muhammad Chaudhry is a Pakistani criminal illegal alien who lied about his criminal history, true identity, and military service. pic.twitter.com/9oLcrN5EAB

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The Sob Story

“ICE detains U.S. Army veteran in his citizenship interview,” the headline over the story about Chaudhry in the *Times* says.

“A U.S. Army veteran originally from Pakistan was detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement on Thursday morning during his citizenship interview in Tukwila,” the [newspaper reported](#).

“It’s unclear why Muhammad Zahid Chaudhry was detained, as ICE and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services did not respond to a request for comment Thursday afternoon,” the story continued:

But his wife said he has been fighting for his naturalization since the ‘90s.

Actually, it’s at least a little clear, as the next paragraph shows:

The *Seattle Times* in 2010 reported that he was fighting deportation for [pleading guilty to using a false passport and credit card in Australia](#), although other outlets have since



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reported that [courts had allowed him to stay](#).

That doesn't quite reveal Chaudhry's whole criminal resumé, but in any event, [Harrell chimed](#) in when Immigration and Customs Enforcement collared the slippery fraudster:

Muhammad Zahid Chaudhry served our country and was taking the lawful steps toward citizenship. Detaining him in that process is unjust and undermines faith in the system. This administration's immigration enforcement is targeting our neighbors, friends, and even veterans rather than focusing on real public safety threats. I stand with those calling for his release and for an immigration system that honors dignity, service, and fairness. My team remains in close contact with our Congressional delegation and will continue to advocate for Mr. Chaudhry and his family on behalf of the Seattle community.

A U.S. Army veteran originally from Pakistan was detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement on Thursday morning during his citizenship interview in Tukwila. <https://t.co/Ht22xxATTC>

— The Seattle Times (@seattletimes) [August 21, 2025](#)

The Truth

Responding to this nonsense, DHS offered full details about Chaudhry's rather interesting history in the United States.

The Pakistani illegal entered the United States in 1998 on a visitor visa, DHS reports, "after he lied to the U.S. government about his criminal history in Australia."

Chaudhry lied about his criminal history in Australia in order to obtain a green card in the U.S. and subsequently been denied citizenship twice — dating back to 2008, and then he applied for citizenship eight more times while continuing to lie and provide false information to...

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That history "includes five counts of financial deception, possession of stolen goods, and falsifying passports," the [DHS account continues](#):

Additionally, he lied about his criminal history in Australia in order to obtain a green card in the U.S. and subsequently been denied citizenship twice — dating back to 2008, and then he applied for citizenship eight more times while continuing to lie and provide false information to immigration authorities.

Beyond that, he lied about being deployed to Iraq, and he finagled \$449,459.82 from the Veterans Affairs Department Veteran's Benefits Administration, the [DHS account continues](#). He owes Uncle Sam \$81,080 for the VBA mortgage reduction grant, but hasn't paid a dime.

He has been fighting a final order of removal since 2008.



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The courts have repeatedly ruled against Chaudhry, DHS continued, finding that he's a first-class conman:

In 2010's [Chaudhry v. Napolitano](#), the Court made the following observations on the review of Chaudhry's first Application for Naturalization, N-400 denial: "This Court finds that a disturbing pattern of deceit for immigration-related purposes permeates this case. The Court rejects Chaudhry's attempts to create a genuine issue by claiming memory lapses and making conclusory protestations of innocence."

In 2012's [Chaudhry v. Astrue](#) the Court upheld the adverse credibility determinations for the denial of Social Security benefits by the District Court, citing in part: "Chaudhry's non-prescribed use of a wheelchair and unwarranted use of a cane also factored into the ALJ's determination that Chaudhry's subjective expression of his limitations lacked credibility."

In 2020, the Board of Immigration Appeals said Chaudhry's repeated deceptions and propensity for prevarication make "him undesirable as a potential lawful resident of this country." The board cited his "habitual abuse of our legal institutions."

This criminal illegal alien collected \$449,459.82 in taxpayer dollars from the Department of Veterans Affairs' Veteran's Benefits Administration (VBA), according to an Inspector General's report dated September 13, 2021.

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After immigration officials determined he misrepresented his criminal history on immigration forms, he was issued a Notice to Appear by U.S. Citizenship AND Immigration Services (USCIS) in 2008. He appealed his final order of removal multiple times over the course of 17 years.

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More Media Lies

But the Chaudhry story is just one of many half-truths and outright lies from the hate-Trump media that DHS has corrected.

As [The New American reported](#) on Tuesday, *Face The Nation* bowdlerized DHS Secretary Kristi Noem's remarks about Salvadoran illegal Kilmar Abrego Garcia, a [dangerous MS-13 terror gang member](#), wife beater, and human-smuggling suspect. The program edited her description of Garcia's crimes.

SHAMEFUL: CBS attempts to whitewash the TRUTH about MS-13 gang member, human trafficker, serial domestic abuser, and child predator Kilmar Abrego Garcia.

WATCH for the truth. pic.twitter.com/UNaHj6V52z

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Another SOB STORY from the [@nytimes](#). Merwil Alberto Gutierrez Flores was deported to CECOT because he is an associate of Tren de Aragua—a foreign terrorist organization—whose criminal record included an arrest for having a loaded firearm and ammunition feeding devices at a... pic.twitter.com/L5309tZ6iJ

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[DHS was forced](#) to correct CNN's account about ICE arresting "community pillars," while *The New York Times* yammered about DHS's deporting a convicted murderer.

Indeed, the [Times is](#) a repeat offender.

It took up the cause of a deported Tren de Aragua terror-gang member [with this headline](#): "ICE Deported Him. His Father Heard Nothing for Months. Then, a Call. Merwil Gutiérrez is one of many immigrants across the United States who have been taken into custody by federal authorities, their whereabouts unknown or unclear."

Gutiérrez is not an "immigrant." He is an illegal alien.

FALSE. Accusations that Mario Guevara was arrested by ICE because he is a journalist are completely untrue.

Mario Guevara was arrested by Dekalb County, Georgia police for willful obstruction after he refused to comply with local police orders to move out of the middle of the... pic.twitter.com/xolCZrys93

— Homeland Security (@DHSgov) [June 20, 2025](#)

Before that, the [Times falsely claimed](#) that ICE had arrested an illegal-alien reporter, Mario Guevara, because he covered a far-left protest against the Trump administration.

That, too, was false. As DHS reported on X, Guevara "was arrested by Dekalb County, Georgia police for willful obstruction after he refused to comply with local police orders to move out of the middle of the street."

He has lived in the United States illegally since 2004.



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