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US involved in anti-Shia violence in Pakistan: Analyst

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A political analyst says the United States is involved in the ongoing violence against Shia Muslims in Pakistan.

“We can see the targeted killing of Shias is merely a part of the broader US agenda to ensure Pakistan and the entire Middle East region remain in chaotic confusion by inducing sectarian violence,” Yuram Abdullah Weiler wrote in a column for Press TV.

He described the US role as an “end game” in Pakistan, saying, “In this way, the US maintains its imperial grip and thereby prevents people from joining together and mounting any serious threat to its hegemony.”

In the latest anti-Shia violence, more than one hundred people were killed and two-hundred others were wounded in twin suicide attacks in an area dominated by Shia Muslims last Thursday. Outlawed terrorist group, Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, has claimed responsibility for the attack.

The latest violence comes as part of escalating attacks against Shia Muslims in different parts of Pakistan in recent months. Since the beginning of 2012, hundreds of Shias have been killed in the country.

Weiler said the United States along with Saudi Arabia “are prepared to do whatever is necessary anywhere in the Middle East to neutralize Shia resistance movements.”

“This is the main reason for the US-approved brutal suppression by Saudi armed forces of

protests in Bahrain, Yemen, and within Saudi Arabia itself. There is one additional reason in the case of Saudi Arabia: a long-standing Wahhabi hatred of Shia,” he wrote.