



## **‘HAIDER - THE ADAPTATION OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE’S TRAGEDY HAMLET’**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Vishal Bhardwaj, one of the famous Indian film directors, produced and directed the movie ‘Haider’ the adaptation of William Shakespeare’s play ‘Hamlet’. It created history during 2014. He produced several works of William Shakespeare. His movie ‘Maqbool’ is adaptation of ‘Macbeth’ while ‘Omkaara’ is based on ‘Othello’. But his movie Haider, based on the English writer William Shakespeare’s work is getting wider media attention due to its controversial content.

### **INTRODUCTION**

The movie is picturised in Kashmir. Shahid Kapoor played the role of Hamlet, Sharda Kapoor assumed the character of Ophelia, Taboo played the role of Gertrude and key Kay Menon is in the role of Claudius.

The movie ‘Haider’ has successfully shown the Kashmir riots of 1990s. There are riots in Kashmir when Haider a poet comes to Kashmir. His father is missing while his mother is in relation with his uncle. The whole story revolves around Haider who is in Kashmir to find his father but he entangles in local politics. Critics are of the opinion that Vishal Bhardwaj successfully introduced the emotions of the ‘Hamlet’ in the movie, ‘Haider’ which is picturised in Kashmir. There were riots in Kashmir throughout 1990s as nonconformist was in clash with Indian security forces for the freedom of Kashmir. Both India and Pakistan claim upon Kashmir for last 60 years and it is a bone of contention for both countries. It caused two wars between India and Pakistan and still is a matter of dispute. The movie ‘Haider’ does not show the rivalry of India and Pakistan over Kashmir. It shows only abolition of human rights in the state. The protestors accuse Indian security forces for harassing local youths entangling them into illegal affairs but security forces

always denied. So Jason Burke opines, ‘in the ‘Guardian’ that the torture of local youths and violation of human rights have been clearly indicated. The picturization of Kashmir’s Hellenic conditions have been liked by movie critics and fans of the director Vishal Bhardwaj. Earlier the Kashmir based movies failed to show realistic picture. The Hindu is of the opinion that both countries need strong will power to sort out the matter. Vishal Bhardwaj’s movie ‘Haider’ which is an adaptation of Hamlet presents beautifully the current political scenario of Kashmir. The paper presents the graves of lost people of Kashmir. An article is published in the ‘First Post’ showing realistic political scenario of Kashmir where common people are in tension. It is one of the burning issues in the country and creates tension for country. The director is blamed for presenting the dark side of security forces in the movie but he favors the story of the movie by his Indianans and patriotism. He says that the movie showed only anti humanism aspect of security forces. Different critics and analysts are of the opinion that release of movie shows that India is open on sensitive issues. Education, open mindedness and more democratic thoughts are required to strengthen Indian democracy. People have expressed different views over the film. The

movie received about 75000tweets. People is of the opinion that 'Haider' presents realistic picture of Kashmir in India.

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